

Rule 751. Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

(a) Authority of the Commission. The registration of, and disciplinary proceedings affecting, members of the Illinois bar, and unauthorized practice of law proceedings instituted under the authority of Rule 752(a), shall be under the administrative supervision of an Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Any lawyer admitted in another United States jurisdiction who provides legal services on a temporary basis in Illinois pursuant to Rule 5.5 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct shall be subject to the administrative supervision of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to the same extent as a lawyer licensed to practice law in this state. The authority granted in this paragraph to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission related to the unauthorized practice of law proceedings shall be independent of that granted by statute, regulation, or other legal authority to any governmental agency, entity, or individual to pursue action relating to the unauthorized practice of law, including but not limited to any action by the Illinois Attorney General or State's Attorney, or any action filed pursuant to the Illinois Attorney Act (705 ILCS 205/1).

(b) Membership and Terms. The Commission shall consist of four members of the Illinois bar and three nonlawyers appointed by the Supreme Court. One member shall be designated by the court as chairperson and one member shall be designated by the court as vice-chairperson. Unless the court specifies a shorter term, all members shall be appointed for three-year terms and shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the court at any time, without cause.

(c) Compensation. None of the members of the Commission shall receive compensation for serving as such, but all members shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses.

(d) Quorum. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The concurrence of four members shall be required for all action taken by the Commission.

(e) Duties. The Commission shall have the following duties:

(1) to appoint, with the approval of the Supreme Court, an administrator to serve as the principal executive officer of the registration and disciplinary system. The Administrator shall receive such compensation as the Commission authorizes from time to time;

(2) to make rules for disciplinary and unauthorized practice of law proceedings not inconsistent with the rules of this court;

(3) to supervise the activities of the Administrator; supervision of the Administrator shall include review, after the fact, of representative samples of investigative matters concluded by the Administrator without reference to the Inquiry Board;

(4) to authorize the Administrator to hire attorneys, investigators and clerical personnel and to set the salaries of such persons;

(5) to appoint from time to time, as it may deem appropriate, members of the bar to serve as commissioners in addition to those provided for in Rule 753;

(6) to collect and administer the disciplinary fund provided for in Rule 756, to collect and remit to the Lawyers' Assistance Program provider the fee described in Rule 756(a)(1) and the Lawyers' Assistance Program Act (705 ILCS 235/1 *et seq.*), to collect and remit to the Lawyers Trust Fund the fee described in Rule 756(a)(1), to collect and remit to the Supreme Court

Commission on Professionalism the fee described in Rule 756(a)(1), to collect and remit to the Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice the fee described in Rule 756(a)(1) and, on or before April 30 of each year, file with the court an accounting of the monies received and expended for disciplinary activities and fees remitted to the Lawyers' Assistance Program provider, the Lawyers Trust Fund, the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, and the Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice, and a report of such activities for the previous calendar year, which shall be published by the court, and there shall be an independent annual audit of the disciplinary fund as directed by the court, the expenses of which shall be paid out of the fund;

(7) to submit an annual report to the court evaluating the effectiveness of the registration and disciplinary system and recommending any changes it deems desirable; and

(8) to develop a comprehensive orientation program for new members of the Inquiry Board and implement that program.

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