

**Rule 777. Registration of, and Disciplinary Proceedings Relating to, Foreign Legal Consultants**

**(a) Supervision and Control of Foreign Legal Consultants.** The registration of, and disciplinary proceedings affecting, persons who are licensed (pursuant to Rule 712) to practice as foreign legal consultants shall be subject to the supreme court rules (Rule 751 *et seq.*) and to the rules of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission relating to the registration and discipline of attorneys. As used in those rules, the terms “attorney” and “attorney and counselor at law” shall include foreign legal consultants except to the extent that those rules concern matters unrelated to the permissible activities of foreign legal consultants.

**(b) Issuance of Subpoenas by Clerk Relating to Investigation of Foreign Legal Consultants.** Upon application by the Administrator or an Inquiry Board, disclosing that the Administrator or Inquiry Board is conducting an investigation of either professional misconduct on the part of a foreign legal consultant or the unlawful practice of law by a foreign legal consultant, or of a Hearing Board that it is conducting a hearing relating thereto, or upon application by a respondent, the clerk of this court shall be empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents before the Administrator or Inquiry Board or Hearing Board.

**(c) Issuance of Subpoenas by Clerk Relating to Investigation of Wrongfully Representing Himself as a Foreign Legal Consultant.** Upon application by the Administrator or an Inquiry Board disclosing that it has reason to believe that a person, firm or corporation other than a foreign legal consultant is unlawfully practicing or assuming to practice law as a foreign legal consultant and that it is conducting an investigation thereof, or of a Hearing Board that it is conducting a hearing relating thereto, or upon application by any respondent, the clerk of this court shall be empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and production of books and documents before the Administrator or Inquiry Board or Hearing Board.

**(d) Taking Evidence.** The Administrator or Inquiry Board conducting an investigation and any Hearing Board conducting a hearing pursuant to this rule is empowered to take and transcribe the evidence of witnesses, who shall be sworn by any person authorized by law to administer oaths.

**(e) Disciplinary Procedure.** Disciplinary proceedings and proceedings under Rules 757, 758, or 759 against any foreign legal consultant shall be initiated and conducted in the manner and by the same agencies as prescribed by law for such proceedings against those admitted as attorneys.

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