

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER ADOPTING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
IN THE SUPREME COURT IN JUDICIAL STANDARDS CASES

Consistent with Article 30 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes, the Court hereby adopts the “Rules of Procedure in the Supreme Court in Judicial Standards Cases” (shown below) to supersede the “Rules for Supreme Court Review of Recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission” (372 N.C. 907–10).

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**Rules of Procedure in the Supreme Court
in Judicial Standards Cases**

Rule 1. Scope

These rules apply to cases governed by Article 30 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes in which the Judicial Standards Commission has filed a recommendation of judicial discipline with the Supreme Court under Rule 22 of the Rules of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Rule 2. Procedure

(a) **Notice of Briefing and Oral Argument.** If a respondent who is recommended for judicial discipline chooses to exercise his or her right under N.C.G.S. § 7A-377 to file a brief, then the respondent must file a notice of briefing and oral argument no later than 10 days after the commission files its recommendation. The notice must indicate that the respondent will file a brief and specify whether the respondent chooses to exercise his or her right to oral argument. If the respondent does not file a notice of briefing and oral argument, then the Supreme Court will decide the case without briefing and oral argument.

(b) **Briefs.** The respondent must file his or her brief no later than 30 days after the notice of briefing and oral argument is filed. The commission must file its brief no later than 30 days after respondent’s brief is filed. The form and content of the briefs should conform as nearly as possible to the rules applicable to briefs in appeals to the Supreme Court. If the respondent does not file a brief, then the Supreme Court will decide the case without briefing and oral argument.

(c) **Oral Argument.** Oral arguments will conform as nearly as possible to the rules applicable to oral arguments in appeals to the Supreme Court.

(d) **Filing.** Documents must be filed electronically at <https://www.ncappellatecourts.org>. Other items should be filed electronically if permitted to do so by the electronic-filing site, but they may be filed by hand delivery or mail with the permission of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

(e) **Service.** Each item filed must include a certificate of service and be served on the other party. Service may be made by e-mail or in the manner provided in Rule 4 of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Rule 3. Fees and Costs

No fees or costs will be assessed in the Supreme Court.

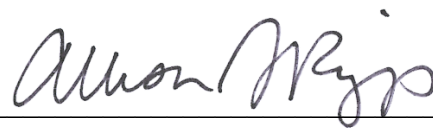
Rule 4. Confidentiality

Proceedings in the Supreme Court are confidential unless the respondent files a document with the Supreme Court that waives the confidentiality of the proceedings. The proceedings are no longer confidential if the Supreme Court publicly reprimands, censures, suspends, or removes the respondent.

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The Rules of Procedure in the Supreme Court in Judicial Standards Cases are effective immediately and shall be published in the North Carolina Reports and posted on the rules web page of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Ordered by the Court in Conference, this the 21st day of August 2024.



For the Court

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, this the 21st day of August 2024.



GRANT E. BUCKNER
Clerk of the Supreme Court