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SCOPE OF RULES; PARTIES

(a) Supreme Court Consideration. A decision of the Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereafter “commission”) that disciplines or recommends the suspension, removal, or retirement of a judge or justice (hereafter "judge") or that recommends that a judge should or should not be reinstated to eligibility to hold judicial office may be considered by the Supreme Court in the manner provided by these rules.

(b) Commission on Judicial Conduct. The proceedings of the commission are governed by rules adopted by the commission (CJCRP).

(c) Parties. The only parties to a proceeding under these rules are the commission and the judge who is the subject of the commission recommendation of discipline or retirement.

(d) Discipline. As used in these rules, "discipline" includes admonishment, reprimand, censure, suspension, and removal from office.

Comment

Section (a). The Supreme Court may consider only a commission recommendation of discipline or retirement that is contested by the judge or that includes a recommendation for suspension, discipline, or an order of retirement. Const. art. IV, subsection 31 (amend. 71). The word "judge" will be used throughout the rules rather than the terms "judge or justice" found in the constitution.

Section (b). The commission determines its own rules for proceedings before it. Const. art. 4, subsection 31 (amend. 71).

Section (c). Only the commission and the judge will be parties to Supreme Court proceedings.

Section (d). Rule 12 acknowledges the commission may enter a stipulated admonishment, reprimand, or censure with a judge without referring the matter to the Supreme Court so long as that stipulation does not include a recommendation for suspension or removal.

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