

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS; DISCIPLINARY SELECTION PANEL**

**(a) Function.** The Board of Governors of the Association:

(1) through the Executive Director, provides administrative and managerial support to enable the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Disciplinary Board, review committees, and other Association staff and appointees to perform the functions specified by these rules;

(2) makes appointments, removes those appointed, and fills vacancies as provided in these rules; and

(3) performs other functions and takes other actions provided in these rules, delegated by the Supreme Court, or necessary and proper to carry out its duties.

**(b) Limitation of Authority.** The Board of Governors, officers of the Association, and the Executive Director of the Association have no right or responsibility to direct the investigations, prosecutions, appeals, or discretionary decisions of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel under these rules, or to review hearing officer, review committee, or Disciplinary Board decisions or recommendations in specific cases.

**(c) Restrictions on Discipline-System Appointments.** After leaving office, Association officers and Executive Director and Board of Governors members cannot serve as hearing officers, Disciplinary Board members, or Conflicts Review Officers until three years have expired after departure from office.

**(d) Restriction on Advising or Representing Respondents or Grievants.** Current and former members of the Board of Governors, Executive Directors, and officers of the Association are subject to the restrictions set forth in rule 2.14.

**(e) Disciplinary Selection Panel.** The Disciplinary Selection Panel makes recommendations to the Board of Governors for appointment, reappointment, and removal of Disciplinary Board members, hearing officers, chief hearing officer, and Conflicts Review Officers. The Panel is appointed by the Supreme Court, upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors, shall include a Board of Governors member who serves as its chair, and should include, without limitation, one or more former Chairs of the Disciplinary Board, one or more current or former hearing officers, and one or more former nonlawyer members of the Disciplinary Board.

**(f) Diversity.** The Disciplinary Selection Panel and the Board of Governors considers diversity in gender, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, geography, area of practice, and practice experience, when making appointments under Rules 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.7, and 2.9.

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