

ELC 9.2
RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE AND DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS;
DUTY TO SELF-REPORT

(a) Duty To Self-Report Discipline or Transfer to Disability Inactive Status. Within 30 days of being publicly disciplined, or being transferred to disability inactive status in another jurisdiction, a lawyer admitted to practice in this state must inform disciplinary counsel of the discipline or transfer.

(b) Obtaining Order. Upon notification from any source that a lawyer admitted to practice in this state was publicly disciplined, or was transferred to disability inactive status in another jurisdiction, disciplinary counsel must obtain a copy of the order and file it with the Supreme Court, except in circumstances set forth in subsection (g).

(c) Supreme Court Action. Except in circumstances set forth in subsection (g), upon receipt of a copy of an order demonstrating that a lawyer admitted to practice in this state has been disciplined or transferred to disability inactive status in another jurisdiction, the Supreme Court orders the respondent lawyer to show cause within 60 days of service why it should not impose the identical discipline or disability inactive status. Disciplinary counsel must personally serve this order, and a copy of the order from the other jurisdiction, on the respondent under rule 4.1(b)(3).

(d) Deferral. If the other jurisdiction has stayed the discipline or transfer, any reciprocal discipline or transfer in this state is deferred until the stay expires.

(e) Discipline or Transfer To Be Imposed.

(1) Sixty days after service of the order under section (c), the Supreme Court imposes the identical discipline or disability inactive status unless disciplinary counsel or the lawyer demonstrates, or the Court finds, that it clearly appears on the face of the record on which the discipline or disability transfer is based, that:

(A) The procedure so lacked notice or opportunity to be heard that it denied due process;

(B) The proof of misconduct or disability was so infirm that the Court is clearly convinced that it cannot, consistent with its duty, accept the finding of misconduct or disability;

(C) The imposition of the same discipline would result in grave injustice;

(D) The established misconduct warrants substantially different discipline in this state;

(E) The reason for the original transfer to disability inactive status no longer exists; or

(F) Appropriate discipline has already been imposed in this jurisdiction for the misconduct.

(2) If the Court determines that any of the factors in subsection (1) exist, it enters an appropriate order. The burden is on the party seeking different discipline in this jurisdiction to demonstrate that imposing the same discipline is not appropriate.

(3) If the Court orders further proceedings or a hearing to determine if respondent should be transferred to disability inactive status, the provisions of rule 8.10 as to appointment of counsel will apply.

(f) Conclusive Effect. Except as this rule otherwise provides, a final adjudication in another jurisdiction that a lawyer has been guilty of misconduct or should be transferred to disability inactive status conclusively establishes the misconduct or the disability for purposes of a disciplinary or disability proceeding in this state.

(g) Prior Matter in Washington. No action will be taken against a lawyer under this rule when the lawyer has already been the subject of discipline, disability transfer, or other final disposition of a grievance, disciplinary proceeding, or disability proceeding in Washington arising out of the same circumstances that are the basis for discipline, resignation, or disability transfer in another jurisdiction.

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