

RULE 1. JURISDICTION.

(a) The Supreme Court of Mississippi (the Court) has exclusive and inherent jurisdiction of matters and proceedings pertaining to attorney discipline, reinstatement, and determination of the personal capacity of a lawyer to practice law in the State of Mississippi. The Court also has exclusive and inherent jurisdiction of matters and proceedings pertaining to the appointment of receivers for missing, deceased, incapacitated, suspended, or and disbarred attorneys. , and hereafter All such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with these rules. The Court shall be the ultimate judge of matters arising under these rules, and from time to time the Court shall review these rules and amend them when necessary or desirable.

(b) Nothing contained in these rules shall be construed to deny to any other court such powers as may be necessary for that court to maintain control over practice and proceedings conducted before it, such as the power of contempt. , nor to prohibit local bar associations from censuring, suspending, or expelling their members from membership in such local bar associations.

(c) Actions by other courts or by local bar associations are cumulative and in addition to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Mississippi and its disciplinary agencies as defined by Rule 3. Actions by other courts and local bar associations shall not be binding or conclusive as to the Court, or the Mississippi State Bar (the Bar), and any action taken by them shall be reported to the Bar, and when required by rule or by statute, to the Court.

(d) Nothing herein shall be construed to affect or limit the Court's power to regulate admission to the practice of law in the State of Mississippi.

(e) Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to affect or limit the Court's power to regulate the activities or conduct of judges in the State of Mississippi. Complaints or grievances against judges shall be filed with the Commission on Judicial Performance.

Procedure

(1.1) The jurisdiction of the Court shall extend to any resident or non-resident attorney duly licensed or admitted pro hac vice who practices law or renders legal services in the State of Mississippi. Any nonresident, by rendition of legal services in this state, shall be deemed to have appointed the Executive Director of the Bar as his agent for service of process or any notice required by these rules. The jurisdiction of the Court shall also extend to attorneys not licensed or admitted pro hac vice in the State of Mississippi if the attorney advertises or provides or offers to provide any legal services to be performed in this jurisdiction.

(a) A permanent registry of attorneys licensed to practice law in the

State of Mississippi shall be established and maintained by the Bar and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (i) Full name and all names under which the attorney has been admitted or practiced;
- (ii) Date of birth and date of death if applicable;
- (iii) Current law office address, telephone number, and e-mail address;
- (iv) Current residence address;
- (v) Date of admission in the State of Mississippi;
- (vi) Date of transfer to or from inactive status or disability inactive status;
- (vii) Other jurisdictions in which the attorney is admitted to practice and date of admission;
- (viii) Nature, date and place, of any discipline imposed and any reinstatements in the State of Mississippi or any other jurisdiction.

(b) The permanent registry of attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Mississippi shall be updated by the Bar at least annually.

(c) Each attorney shall keep the attorney's registration information current and shall notify the Bar in writing within thirty (30) days of any change. When an attorney has disappeared or is deceased or disabled, the attorney's relatives are encouraged to report that fact to the Bar in writing; law partners or associates in the firm, corporation, or agency in which the attorney was employed must report that fact to the Bar in writing.

(d) The address listed in the registry is the attorney's legal address for purposes of service of process and any other notices under these Rules.

(1.2) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to limit in any manner the application of any Rule of the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct as adopted by the Court.

(1.3) Any nonresident attorney licensed or admitted pro hac vice to practice law in

the State of Mississippi and any attorney not licensed or admitted pro hac vice in the State of Mississippi who advertises or provides or offers to provide legal services to be performed in this jurisdiction shall be deemed to have appointed the Executive Director of the Bar as the attorney's agent for service of process or any notice required by these Rules.

RULE 16. JURISDICTION OF NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEYS - NOTICE - SERVICE

(a) The acceptance by a non-resident attorney of the rights and privileges of the license to practice of law within this state in the State of Mississippi or admission pro hac vice, as evidenced by his practice of law in this state, shall be deemed equivalent to an appointment by such the non-resident attorney to of the Executive Director of the Bar to be his the attorney's true and lawful attorney, upon whom may be served all process, summons or notice of any and all proceedings against him the attorney instituted pursuant to and conducted under these Rules. Acceptance of such the rights and privileges of the license to practice law in the State of Mississippi or admission pro hac vice and the practice of law by any such a non-resident attorney in the State of Mississippi this state shall constitute the attorney's be the signification of his agreement that any such process, summons, or notice against him the attorney which is so served shall have the same legal force and validity as if served personally.

(b) Notice of the service of such process, summons, or notice, together with a copy of any grievance or complaint or charge, shall be mailed forthwith by the Executive Director of the Bar by United States certified mail or registered mail, return receipt requested, restricted for delivery to addressee only, and with postage pre-paid, to such non-resident attorney at his last known address: to the non-resident attorney at the attorney's address as is registered with the Bar under Rule 1 of these Rules or with the Court upon admission pro hac vice.

(c) When such process, summons, or notice is given served as herein provided, and return receipt, or refusal, or failure to claim, is filed, it shall be deemed sufficient to give to the Court and its disciplinary agencies provided for herein, jurisdiction over the said non-resident attorney for the purpose of investigating and finally determining any grievance or complaint or charge touching upon the professional conduct or conduct evincing unfitness for the practice of law or the personal incapacity to practice law of the such non-resident attorney.