

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
ADM10-8002



**ORDER AMENDING THE RULES OF
THE SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER REGISTRATION**

In an order filed on February 17, 2021, we adopted amendments to the rules that define a lawyer's active status, specifically by requiring lawyers to comply with a newly adopted rule that, in turn, requires uniform reporting of pro bono service and contributions. *Order Promulgating Amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration*, No. ADM10-8002 (Minn. filed Feb. 17, 2021). In explaining our decision to include all categories of pro bono service and contributions in reporting, we noted that the contributions that can be made by attorneys employed by government entities and judges may be limited by separate rules. *Id.* at 3, n.2. *See, e.g.*, Minn. Code of Jud. Conduct 3.7 (establishing limits on activities in which judges can participate); Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.11 (establishing limits on government attorneys' representation). These separate rules will limit the contributions that can be made by judges and attorneys employed by government entities.

Accordingly, the amendments approved on February 17, 2021, must be modified so that judges and attorneys employed by government entities are not required to comply with the reporting obligation. The amendments shown in the attachment to this order reflect the modifications made to the rules as amended by the order filed on February 17, 2021, to

implement this decision. The amendment to Rule 23(H) of Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration, promulgated February 17, 2021, is not altered by this order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration, as promulgated in the order filed February 17, 2021, are amended as shown in the attachment to this order. Rule 25 of the Lawyer Registration Rules as amended on February 17, 2021 and as further amended here is effective as of January 1, 2022. Rule 2A(6) of the Lawyer Registration Rules as amended on February 17, 2021 and as further amended here is effective as of January 1, 2023.

Dated: July 7, 2021

BY THE COURT:


Margaret H. Chutich
Associate Justice

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER REGISTRATION

Rule 2. Definitions

A. “**Active status**” means a license status for a lawyer or judge who:

- (1) has paid the applicable required lawyer registration fee for the current year;
- (2) is in compliance with the requirements of the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education or with Minnesota Judicial Branch policies regarding continuing judicial education;
- (3) is not disbarred, suspended, or on disability status pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility;
- (4) is in compliance with Rule 1.15 and Appendix 1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct regarding trust accounts and has so certified on the Lawyer Registration Statement;
- (5) is in compliance with Rule 22 of these Rules; and
- (6) if applicable, is in compliance with Rule 25 of these Rules.

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Rule 25. Uniform Reporting of Pro Bono Service and Financial Contributions

As part of the Lawyer Registration Statement, all attorneys who are authorized to practice law in Minnesota must report for the preceding calendar year: (1) the approximate number of hours of pro bono service provided as set forth in Rule 6.1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct; and (2) whether the attorney has made any financial contributions to organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means. Attorneys who are employed by government entities and judges are exempt from the reporting requirement established by this rule, but may voluntarily report services provided or financial contributions made if they so choose.