

***IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING***

***October Term, A.D. 2010***

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***In the Matter of the Amendments to*** )  
***Sections 4 and 22 of the*** )  
***Disciplinary Code for the*** )  
***Wyoming State Bar*** )

**ORDER AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 22 OF THE  
DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE WYOMING STATE BAR**

**This matter** came before the Court on its own motion. This Court finds that the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar should be amended to make clear that attorneys who are suspended pursuant to Section 17 or 18 of the Code are subject to the duties contained in Section 22 of the Code. In addition, this Court finds that, in cases where attorneys are suspended pursuant to Section 17 or 18 of the Code, the order of suspension should be published. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the amendments to Sections 4 and 22 of the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective immediately; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order and the amendments to Sections 4 and 22 shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the amendments to Sections 4 and 22 shall be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the amendments to Sections 4 and 22 of the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar shall be made available online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>. The amendments shall thereafter be spread at length upon the journal of this Court.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2010.

**BY THE COURT:**

**MARILYN S. KITE**  
**Chief Justice**

## DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE WYOMING STATE BAR

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### 4. Forms of discipline.

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(c) The report and recommendations of the BPR for public discipline or reinstatement, as adopted by the Court, and the Court's order or opinion in that matter shall be published in the Pacific Reporter. In addition, when an attorney is suspended pursuant to Section 17 or 18 of this Code, the order of suspension shall be published in the Pacific Reporter.

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### Section 22. Duties of disbarred or suspended attorneys.

(a) Within fifteen (15) days of the date of (1) a final order imposing discipline or (2) an order of suspension entered pursuant to Section 17 or 18, a disbarred or suspended attorney shall notify the following persons by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the attorney's disbarment or suspension and the attorney's consequent inability to act as an attorney after the effective date of the disbarment or suspension:

(i) All clients in pending matters. The attorney shall advise clients to seek legal advice elsewhere and to obtain another attorney for litigated matters or administrative proceedings.

(ii) Any co-counsel who is involved in litigated matters or administrative proceedings.

(iii) The attorney for each adverse party or, in the absence of such counsel, the adverse party or parties in litigated matters or administrative proceedings. The notice to parties shall state the place of residence of the client of the disbarred or suspended attorney.

(iv) All courts or administrative bodies in which the attorney has matters pending.

(b) A disbarred attorney or an attorney suspended for greater than six (6) months shall within fifteen (15) days deliver to all present and former clients all client files.

(c) A disbarred or suspended attorney shall notify the client of all deadlines and scheduled court dates.

(d) A disbarred or suspended attorney, after entry of the disbarment or suspension order, shall not accept any new legal matters. During the period from the entry date of the order to its effective date, the attorney may wind up and complete, on behalf of any client, all matters which were pending on the entry date.

(e) A disbarred or suspended attorney shall return any unearned fees.

(f) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the disbarment or suspension order, the disbarred or suspended attorney shall file with the Court and BPR an affidavit showing that the attorney has fully complied with the provisions of the order and with this rule and stating the address where communications may thereafter be directed to the attorney.

(g) A disbarred or suspended attorney shall maintain records of the steps taken to comply with this rule.

(h) The provisions of this section are deemed to be incorporated into all orders of ~~suspension and disbarment~~ suspension and suspension, including suspensions entered pursuant to Section 17 or 18 of this Code. Failure to comply with any requirement of this section is punishable as contempt.

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