

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2010

In the Matter of the Amendments to)
Section 23 of the)
Disciplinary Code for the)
Wyoming State Bar)

**ORDER AMENDING SECTION 23 OF THE DISCIPLINARY CODE
FOR THE WYOMING STATE BAR**

The **Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar** have recommended that the Wyoming Supreme Court amend Section 23 of the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar. The Court, having carefully reviewed the proposed amendments, finds that the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to Section 23 of the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective July 1, 2011; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the amendments to Section 23 shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the amendments to Section 23 shall be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the amendments to Section 23 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 6th day of January, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

MARILYN S. KITE
Chief Justice

DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE WYOMING STATE BAR

Section 23. Protection of client interests.

(a) Solo practitioners shall execute a “Designation of Surrogate Attorney Form” as provided by the Wyoming State Bar. Whenever an attorney is suspended for disability, cannot be found, or dies, and no partner, executor or other responsible party capable of conducting the attorney's affairs is known to exist, the district court in the judicial district where the attorney had an office ~~may~~ shall appoint an attorney or attorneys to inventory the files of the suspended, disappearing, or deceased attorney and to take such action as is required to protect the interests of the clients.

(b) Any attorney so appointed shall not be permitted to disclose any information contained in the inventoried files without the consent of the client to whom such file relates, except as necessary to carry out the order of the court which appointed the attorney.

(c) In protecting the best interests of the clients, any attorney or attorneys so appointed by the court shall be immune from any and all civil liability when his/her actions are performed in conformance with the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys at Law, and within the applicable standard of practice in Wyoming.
