

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

APRIL TERM, A.D. 1985

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING )  
RULES 2, 3 AND 5 OF RULES )  
FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND )  
GOVERNMENT OF THE WYOMING )  
STATE BAR AND RULES 3, 5 )  
AND 7 OF THE RULES OF THE )  
SUPREME COURT FOR THE )  
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION )  
OF MEMBERS OF THE WYOMING )  
STATE BAR )

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*by: M. J. Leonard, Deputy Clerk*

ORDER

Pursuant to § 5-2-118, W.S.1977, and after consideration in conference and otherwise between the Officers and Bar Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar and this Court, it is;

ORDERED that effective this date, Rules 2, 3 and 5 of the Rules Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar Association of the Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming be, and are, amended and approved to read:

Rule 2. Membership.

All persons who are now or shall hereafter be admitted to the practice of law, as defined by Rule 18, in this state under and pursuant to the laws thereof, who shall not have been disbarred pursuant to the disciplinary code, and who shall have paid their required license fees shall constitute and be members of the state bar, and shall be subject to the provisions of these rules.

Rule 3. Classification of members.

Members of the state bar shall be classified as: (1) active, (2) inactive, (3) honorary, or (4) retired. An inactive member is one not practicing law in Wyoming and electing to pay the reduced license fee pursuant to Rule 5. An honorary member is a supreme court justice, district court judge, county court judge, judge of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, and any other federal judge resident of this state, and a justice or judge retired from such courts who has not resumed the practice of law. A retired member is one not engaged in the practice of law

who has made a written request to the executive director of the state bar to be enrolled as a retired member. All other members are active members.

Rule 5. Membership fees; nonpayment; termination of membership.

All members of the state bar, except honorary and retired members, shall, on or before the second week in October in each and every year, pay to the executive director of the state bar, as a license fee for the current fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) the sum of one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00), fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of which shall be placed into a special fund for use by the grievance committee under the disciplinary code, Wyoming State Bar; provided that the license fee for any member admitted to practice law in this or any other state for a time less than three (3) years and for an inactive member who so elects shall be one-half (1/2) of the regular resident license fee, of which seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) shall be placed into the special fund for use by the grievance committee. Upon resumption of the practice of law in the state of Wyoming, any honorary or retired member shall pay the annual dues of an active member of the state bar as herein provided for the current fiscal year. Such fees shall constitute a fund to be held and disbursed upon order of the board. As soon as practicable after the second week in September in each year, the executive director shall send a written statement for the annual fee to each member of the state bar. If any member is in default for the payment of dues on the first day of December of any year, the executive director shall send a notice of delinquency to each such member. If any member remains in default on the fifteenth day of December of any year, the executive director shall forthwith certify to the judge of the district court of the judicial district wherein such delinquent member resides the name of such member, and the executive director shall certify to the supreme court the names of delinquent non-resident members. The district judge for delinquent resident members and the chief justice of the supreme court for delinquent non-resident members shall forthwith issue against such member a citation returnable twenty (20) days thereafter to show cause why membership in the Wyoming State Bar should not be terminated. If good cause be not shown in response to such citation, an order of termination as appropriate shall issue forthwith and when issued by a district judge be certified to the supreme court; provided that if it is determined that the member in default is unable for good cause to pay his license fee, the payment of such license fee for that year may be remitted or suspended in whole or in part by order duly entered and when entered by a district judge certified to the supreme court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rules 3, 5 and 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the Continuing Legal Education of the Wyoming State Bar be, and are, amended and approved to read:

Rule 3. Continuing legal education requirement.

Each active member of the state bar shall complete during each calendar year a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of accredited continuing legal education as defined in Rule 4. Hours completed in any year in excess of the minimum number may be carried forward to satisfy the requirements for either of the two (2) years next following.

Rule 5. Annual report by attorneys.

On or before January 30 of each year, each member of the Wyoming State Bar who was an active member during the preceding calendar year, shall make a written report to the board, in such form as the board shall prescribe, concerning such member's completion of accredited legal education during the preceding calendar year. Such report shall include the title of programs attended, the sponsoring agency, the number of hours in actual attendance at each such program, and such other information as the board shall require. An attorney shall not be required to comply with this rule or comply under the requirement of Rule 3 for the year during which such attorney was admitted to practice.

Rule 7.

Deleted.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1985.

By the Court

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard V. Thomas". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

RICHARD V. THOMAS  
Chief Justice