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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

## RULES RELATING TO DISCIPLINE OF ATTORNEYS

## **Rule 204**

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## KANSAS BOARD FOR DISCIPLINE OF ATTORNEYS

Rule 204 is hereby amended, effective August 15, 2012.

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- (a) <u>Purpose.</u> The Supreme Court shall <u>will</u> appoint a twenty member board to be known as the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys. (hereinafter referred to as the Board or Disciplinary Board). The term of each member shall be three years or such other period of time as determined by the Supreme Court. Vacancies shall be filled by the Supreme Court.
- (b) Review Committee. The Supreme Court shall designate one member as chairman and another as vice-chairman. The chairman shall appoint a secretary. The Board shall will exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed upon it by these Rules, including the power and duty to assign periodically three attorneys, at least two of whom will be members of the Board, as a review committee to review and approve or modify recommendations by the Disciplinary Administrator for dismissals, informal admonitions, and institution of formal charges. The members of the review committee will not participate in any final hearing by the Board, or by a hearing panel appointed by the Board, on any complaint they have reviewed.
- (c) <u>Terms.</u> The Board shall act only with the concurrence of a majority of those present and eligible to vote. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. The term of each member will be four years. No member may be appointed to an additional term after the member completes 12 years of service. A board member may return to service on the Board after a one-term break in service. A board member whose term will expire July 1, 2012, and who has completed 12 years of service will be appointed for an additional term of one year.
- (d) <u>Chair and Vice-Chair.</u> Board members shall refrain from taking part in any proceeding in which a judge similarly situated would be required to abstain. The Supreme Court will designate one member as chair and another as vice-chair. The chairman shall appoint a secretary.
- (e) Quorum; Limits. The Board shall exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed upon it by these Rules, including the power and duty to assign periodically three attorneys, at least two of whom shall be members of the Board, as a review committee to review and approve or modify recommendations by the Disciplinary Administrator for dismissals, informal admonitions, and institution of formal charges. The members of the review committee shall not participate in any final hearing by the Board, or by a hearing panel appointed by it, on any complaint they have reviewed. The Board shall may act only with the concurrence of a majority of those present and eligible to vote. Eight members shall will

constitute a quorum. A Board board members member shall refrain from may not taking take part in any a proceeding in which a judge similarly situated would be required to abstain.

- (f) <u>Expenses.</u> The per diem and expenses of the members of the Board, review committee, hearing panels, and special prosecutors shall will be paid out of the funds collected under the provisions of Rule 208.
  - (g) Other Rules. The Board may adopt procedural rules consistent with these rules.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, this 15 day of August, 2012.

FOR THE COURT

Lawton R. Nuss Chief Justice