

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING RULE 69 OF §
THE RULES OF THE SUPREME §
COURT OF DELAWARE §

Before **STRINE**, Chief Justice; **VALIHURA**, **VAUGHN**, **SEITZ**, and **TRAYNOR**, Justices, constituting the Court *en banc*.

ORDER

This 15th day of May 2018, it appears to the Court that it is desirable to amend Supreme Court Rule 69. These amendments are effective June 1, 2018.

(1) Supreme Court Rule 69(b) is amended to add the underlined text and delete the strikethrough text:

(b) Registration and assessments. (i) On or before March 1, all active, inactive and emeritus members, including newly admitted members who were admitted before February 1 of each year, are required to file a registration statement and pay a fee as set by the Delaware Supreme Court. A reminder notice will be sent by email before the registration period. Every attorney must update their attorney profile with all current contact information including email address. If an attorney has not received the reminder notice by the first week in January, please contact the Clerk's office immediately. Late fees will apply to late payments regardless of lack of notice from the Clerk's office. ~~Members. Active, inactive and emeritus members, including newly admitted members who were admitted before February 1 of each year, are required to file an annual registration statement.~~

~~(ii) Statement. Active, inactive and emeritus members shall, as a condition of membership, no later than March 1 of each year, file with the Clerk of this Court, in a form approved by the Court, a registration statement showing the member's name, residence address, office address, office telephone number, firm association, public office held (if any), and such other information as the Court shall direct.~~

(iii) *Active assessment.* Active members shall pay a registration assessment as determined by the Delaware Supreme Court and shall pay such assessments as shall be made under Supreme Court Rule 66(e), Supreme Court Rule 64(g), Delaware Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rule 3(E)(6) and Supreme Court Rule 74.

(~~iii~~v) *Inactive assessment.* Inactive members shall pay an annual registration assessment and an annual application assessment as determined by the Delaware Supreme Court but shall pay no other assessments.

~~(v) *Failure to register on time.* Any active, inactive or emeritus lawyer who fails to file an Annual Registration Statement by March 1 of each year shall pay a \$300 late filing assessment.~~

(2) Supreme Court Rule 69(j) is amended to add the underlined text and

delete the strikethrough text:

(j) Late Fees; Administrative Suspension of Membership. Failure to file the registration statement and pay the registration fee by March 1 will result in a \$150.00 non-waivable late fee. Failure to file the registration statement and pay all fees, including late fees, by April 1 will result in an additional \$200.00 non-waivable late fee. If by April 15 the registration statement has not been filed with the Court and the registration fee and all late fees have not been paid, the attorney is deemed administratively suspended from the practice of law. The Clerk of the Court shall issue a notice of administrative suspension by certified mail at the last known address of record to each member of the Bar who has failed to comply with this Rule.

A lawyer who has been administratively suspended for failure to file a registration statement or nonpayment of fees can be retroactively reinstated as a member of the Bar by filing a registration statement and paying the registration fee plus all accumulated late fees on or before July 1. Any lawyer who fails to seek reinstatement by July 1 shall be required to petition for reinstatement under Rule 22 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

~~**Suspension of membership.** On or before May 1 of each year, the Clerk of the Court shall issue by certified or registered mail at the~~

~~address furnished pursuant to subsection b(i) of this Rule (or if no such address has been furnished at the last address known to the Court), to each member of the Bar who has failed to comply with this Rule, a rule to show cause why such member should not be suspended as a member of the Bar.~~

(3) The Clerk of this Court is directed to transmit a certified copy of the Order to the clerk for each trial court in each county.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. S. W.', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice