

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rules 1:20-15 (“Disciplinary Review Board”) and 1:20-15B (“Attorney Regulatory Board”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: March 31, 2026

1:20-15. Disciplinary Review Board

(a) Appointment; Officers. The Supreme Court shall appoint a Disciplinary Review Board consisting of nine members, at least five of whom shall be attorneys of this state and at least three of whom shall not be attorneys. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed in the Supreme Court's discretion. No member who has served four full three-year terms shall be eligible for reappointment. The Supreme Court shall annually designate a chair and vice chair of the Disciplinary Review Board from among its members.

(b) Office of Board Counsel. ...no change

(c) Quorum; Dissenting Report. ...no change

(d) Regulations. ...no change

(e) Review of Final Action. ...no change

(f) Recommendations for Discipline. ...no change

(g) Consent Matters. ...no change

(h) Constitutional Challenges. ...no change

(i) Temporary Suspension. ...no change

(j) Imposition of Sanctions. ...no change

(k) Enforcement of Fee Arbitration Committee Determination or Stipulation. ...no change

(l) Fee Arbitration Appeals. ...no change

(m) Exemption from Costs. ...no change

(n) Publication of Disciplinary Dispositions. ...no change

Note: Former Rule redesignated as Rule 1:20-5 January 31, 1984 to be effective February 15, 1984. Source-Former Rule 1:20-3 adopted February 23, 1978, to be effective April 1, 1978; paragraphs (a), (e), (g), (h) and (I) amended July 16, 1981, to be effective September 14, 1981; paragraph (f) (g), and (h) deleted; paragraph (a) amended; paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (I) and (j) amended and redesignated (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (I); new paragraphs (b) and (h) adopted January 31, 1984, to be effective February 15, 1984; paragraph (I) amended November 1, 1985, to be effective January 2, 1986; paragraphs (e) and (f) amended November 5, 1986, to be effective January 1, 1987; paragraphs (e) and (f) amended June 26, 1987, to be effective July 1, 1987; paragraph (I) caption and text amended November 7, 1988 to be effective January 2, 1989; paragraph (f)(2) amended November 6, 1989, to be effective January 2, 1990; paragraph (f) amended June 29, 1990 to be effective September 4, 1990; paragraph (e)(2) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; paragraph (f)(2) caption and text amended August 8, 1994 to be effective immediately; R. 1:20-4 redesignated R. 1:20-15, paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) amended, former text of paragraph (f)(1) and (2) amended and incorporated into new (f)(1)(2)(3) and (4), and former paragraphs (f)(3), (g),(h) and (I) amended and redesignated paragraphs (h)(i)(j) and (k), new paragraphs (g), (l) and (m) adopted January 31, 1995 to be effective March 1, 1995; paragraph (j) amended July 10, 1998 to be effective September 1, 1998; paragraph (f)(3) amended and new paragraph (n) adopted March 20, 2003, to be effective immediately; paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (f), (i), and (l) amended July 28, 2004 to be effective September 1, 2004; subparagraph (e)(1) amended May 7, 2024 to be effective immediately; paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) amended, and paragraph (n) caption and text amended February 27, 2026 to be effective March 1, 2026; paragraph (a) amended March 31, 2026 to be effective immediately.

1:20-15B. Attorney Regulatory Board

(a) Appointment; Officers. The Supreme Court shall appoint an Attorney Regulatory Board consisting of six members, four of whom shall be attorneys of this state and two of whom shall not be attorneys. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed in the Supreme Court's discretion. No member who has served four full three-year terms shall be eligible for reappointment. The Supreme Court shall annually designate a chair and vice chair of the Attorney Regulatory Board from among its members.

(b) Office of Board Counsel. ...no change

(c) Quorum; Dissenting Report. ...no change

(d) Regulations. ... no change

(e) Functions. ...no change

(f) Petitioner's Counsel. ...no change

(g) Recommendations. ...no change

(h) Constitutional Challenges. ...no change

(i) Temporary Suspension. ... no change

(j) Exemption from Costs. ...no change

(k) Publication of Attorney Regulatory Board Dispositions. ...no change

(l) Effect of Time Goals. ...no change

Note: Adopted February 27, 2026 to be effective March 1, 2026; paragraph (a) amended March 31, 2026 to be effective immediately.