

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the necessity of amending Rule 5.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Part 1. Rule 5.5(c) of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

RULE 5.5. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

A lawyer shall not:

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(c) employ, contract with as a consultant, engage as an independent contractor, or otherwise join in any other capacity, in connection with the practice of law, any person the attorney knows or reasonably should know is a disbarred attorney, during the period of disbarment, or any person the attorney knows or reasonably should know is an attorney who has permanently resigned from the practice of law in lieu of discipline; or

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Part 2. This rule change shall be applicable to any lawyer who is allowed to permanently resign from the practice of law in lieu of discipline through any order, judgment, or decree of the Court which becomes final after the effective date.

This rule change shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until amended through future orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice