

SUPREME COURT LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of the Court, and considering the need to amend Section 19.2.B of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, Section 19.2.B be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 19.2 Interim Suspension for Threat of Harm.**

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**B. Immediate Interim Suspension.** Upon examination of the evidence transmitted to the court by disciplinary counsel and of rebuttal evidence, if any, which the lawyer has transmitted to the court prior to the court's ruling, the court may enter an order immediately suspending the lawyer, pending final disposition of a disciplinary proceeding predicated upon the conduct causing the harm; may order the lawyer to show cause, before a hearing committee panel appointed by the board, why the court should not issue an immediate interim suspension; or may order such other action as it deems appropriate. If the hearing is ordered prior to the filing of formal charges by disciplinary counsel, the hearing shall be confidential, but should the court determine the lawyer should be immediately suspended, the order suspending the attorney shall be public. In the event the order is entered, the court may appoint a trustee pursuant to Section 27 to protect clients' interests.

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This rule change shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed under the authority of future orders of the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

FOR THE COURT:

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