

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: RULES GOVERNING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS,
2016 Okla. LEXIS 93 (Okla. 2016)

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SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court granted the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors' application to amend Rule 3.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings. The amended rule addresses grievances against the Oklahoma Bar Association's General Counsel, staff, Professional Responsibility Commission members, Professional Responsibility Tribunal members, and Supreme Court members. The amendment was made effective immediately upon the Court's September 19, 2016 order.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Reif; Vice Chief Justice Combs; Justice Kauger; Justice Watt; Justice Winchester; Justice Taylor; Justice Colbert; Justice Gurich; Justice Edmondson
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	September 19, 2016
DOCKET	SCBD-4216
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors applied to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma for an order amending Rule 3.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics and professional responsibility administrative law civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Oklahoma should grant the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors' application to amend Rule 3.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Oklahoma has jurisdiction over the application and grants the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors' application to amend Rule 3.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings; the amended rule is effective immediately.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Rule 3.3 is hereby amended as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", and is effective immediately.” (§12)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors requested amendment of Rule 3.3, which governs grievances against the Association's General Counsel and related disciplinary officials. The proposed amendment addressed notification requirements and the procedures for grievances involving the General Counsel, members of the General Counsel's staff, Professional Responsibility Commission members, Professional Responsibility Tribunal members, and Supreme Court members.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Board of Governors submitted an application proposing amendments to Rule 3.3. The Supreme Court considered the application in conference, found that it had jurisdiction, granted the application, and made the amended rule effective immediately.

DISPOSITION

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