

Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar

It is ordered that the first paragraph of Rule VII.D., Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, be amended to read in accordance with the appendix attached to this order;

It is further ordered that the amendment of Rule VII.D. be effective immediately;

It is further ordered that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule VII:

“Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule VII.D., Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, effective May 2, 2007, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from ___ So. 2d.”

Cobb, C.J., and See, Lyons, Woodall, Stuart, Smith, Bolin, Parker, and Murdock, JJ., concur.

Appendix Rule VII. Admission of Foreign Attorneys *Pro Hac Vice*

D. Verified Application. In order to appear as counsel before a court or administrative agency in this state, a foreign attorney shall file with the court or agency where the cause is pending a verified application for admission to practice (a form for such an application follows this rule), together with proof of service by mail, in accordance with the *Alabama*

Rules of Civil Procedure, of a copy of the application and of the notice of hearing upon the Alabama State Bar at its Montgomery, Alabama office. In the event application is made before any defendant in an action has appeared, a copy of the application and notice must also be served upon such defendant. The copy of the application and the notice of hearing served upon the Alabama State Bar shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$100 filing fee. The notice of hearing shall be given at least 21 days before the time designated for the hearing, unless the court or agency has prescribed a shorter period.

Mandatory Registration, Authorized House Counsel

Since October 2006, the Alabama State Bar has been accepting applications for the new authorized house counsel rule (Rule IX of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar). This rule applies to lawyers who are not admitted to practice in Alabama, but are serving as house counsel to businesses located in Alabama. This is a mandatory registration and the **deadline for compliance is October 27, 2007**. Please contact any house counsel you know and inform them of this rule. A copy of Rule IX, the registration form and instructions are available on the bar's Web site, www.alabar.org. For more information, contact the bar's membership department at (334) 269-1515. ■