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Agenda – March 8, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

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1. ITEMS STILL PENDING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

A. 2023-015, Supreme Court Rule 53.1(B)(2)

Proposed amendment submitted by Attorney Lawrence Vogelmann on behalf of Veterans Legal Justice, seeking to include that organization within Supreme Court Rule 53.1(B)(2), which currently provides: “Active Status Lawyers Volunteering for Pro Bono Cases — Active Membership Status lawyers who volunteer for assigned, pro bono cases for the purpose of representing indigent parties through 603 Legal Aid, NH Legal Assistance, and the Disability Rights Center may claim up to three hundred and sixty (360) general minutes of continuing legal education credit per reporting period at the rate of sixty (60) CLE minutes for every 300 billable-equivalent minutes of pro bono representation provided to a client. CLE ethics minutes cannot be earned from pro bono service. Pro bono minutes approved for CLE minutes will be reported to the NHMCLE Coordinator by the directors of the above-named entities on or before

April 1 of each year. CLE minutes performed after April 1 will be applied to the following reporting year.”

At its December 8, 2023 meeting, the Committee voted to invite Attorney Vogelmann to a subsequent meeting to discuss his proposal, as well as Veterans Legal Justice’s plans, if applicable, to seek Supreme Court approval to operate pursuant to RSA 292:1-a. The Supreme Court is currently considering a proposal (recommended by the Committee as Supreme Court Rule 41) to establish criteria under RSA 292:1-a.

Attorney Vogelmann has indicated that he will attend the March 8, 2024 meeting.

B. 2023-016, Supreme Court Rule 37(5)(a)

Proposed amendment submitted by Julian Jefferson, Complaint Screening Committee, and Brian Moushegian, Attorney Discipline Office General Counsel. This proposed amendment seeks a change to the composition of the Complaint Screening Committee by increasing the number of lawyer members from 5 to 6 to reduce potential delays in the Committee’s consideration of matters before it.

At its December 8, 2023 meeting, the Committee voted in support of the proposed amendment, but Justice Donovan noted that the proposed amendment would be subject to a 90-day public comment period without a public hearing. This item will be on the June 14, 2024 meeting agenda for consideration of the submitted comments, if any.

C. 2023-017, Supreme Court Rule 50

Proposed amendment submitted by Attorney Derek Lick, requesting changes to Rule 50(1)(A).

At its December 8, 2023 meeting, the Committee voted in support of the proposed amendment, but Justice Donovan noted that the proposed amendment would be subject to a 90-day public comment period without a public hearing. This item will be on the June 14, 2024 meeting agenda for consideration of the submitted comments, if any.

D. 2023-018, Supreme Court Rule 37(20)

Proposed amendment submitted by Attorney Derek Lick.

At its December 8, 2023 meeting, the Committee voted to establish a 90-day public comment period and to add this item to the June 14, 2024 public hearing.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024-001, Supreme Court Rule 54(4)

Proposed amendment submitted by Attorney Steven Endres. Supreme Court Rule 54 (“Administrative Judges and Administrative Council”) sets forth, among other things, the role and responsibilities of the administrative judge.

B. 2024-002, Supreme Court Rule 55(4)

Proposed amendment submitted by Attorney Derek Lick. Supreme Court Rule 55 establishes the Public Protection Fund and sets forth, among other things, limitations on payments from the fund.

3. REMAINING 2024 MEETING DATES

Friday, June 14, 2024
Friday, September 13, 2024
Friday, December 13, 2024