IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATTORNEY	)	Administrative Order
REGULATION ADVISORY	)	No. 2011 - 44
COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT	)	
OF MEMBERS	)	
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The Chief Justice created a Lawyer Discipline Task Force to propose revisions to the Arizona lawyer discipline system. The Task Force issued its report in January 2010. In addition to the rule petition filed by the Task Force which the Court has acted on, the Task Force recommended the creation of an advisory committee to monitor the implementation of the new process, to periodically review the entire attorney admission and discipline system, and to make recommendations for any further needed changes.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (ARC) is established as a committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

2. PURPOSE: The Committee shall review rules governing attorney examination, admissions, reinstatement, and the disability and disciplinary process and make recommendations to the Supreme Court on how these rules of the attorney regulation system can be revised to reinforce lawyer competency and professionalism and strengthen the Supreme Court's oversight of the regulation and practice of law in this state. The Committee may meet, conduct research, gather information, and hear public comment as it deems necessary to carry out this purpose.

   As its first order of business, the Committee shall consider the current administrative expenses assessed in lawyer discipline, disability, and reinstatement cases, and the philosophical basis for setting and assessing these expenses, and recommend an expense schedule to the Supreme Court by December 31, 2011. Additionally, the Committee shall consider any technical or clarifying revisions to the new rules governing lawyer discipline and, as it deems appropriate, file a Rule 28 petition on or before January 10, 2012.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS: The membership and terms of each member of the Committee is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary. Initially, members are appointed for fixed, staggered

terms of one (1), two (2), or three (3) years. After the initial appointment, terms shall be for three (3) years.

4. MEETINGS: The Committee chair shall schedule meetings as necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.

5. REPORTS: The Committee shall submit an annual report to the Supreme Court by April 30th of each year. The report shall contain case statistics on the processing of attorney admission and discipline cases and recommendations on specific issues addressed by the Committee. The recommendations also may include suggested rule revisions and changes to policies and procedures of the State Bar of Arizona and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

6. STAFF: Staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Supreme Court will provide administrative support to the Committee and may conduct research for the Committee, under the direction of the Administrative Director of the Courts.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2011.

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REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A
ATTORNEY REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ARC)
MEMBERSHIP

Chair

The Honorable Michael D. Ryan, (retired)
Chair of Probable Cause Committee
Term Expires: May 4, 2013

Vice-Chair

The Honorable William J. O'Neil
Presiding Disciplinary Judge
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

Attorney Members

Alan Bayham, President
Board of Governors and
Task Force Member
Term Expires: May 4, 2012

John Tuchi, Member
Supreme Court Committee on Character
and Fitness
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

James Drake, Member
Supreme Court Committee on Examinations
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

George Reimer, Member
Attorney Discipline Hearing Panel
Term Expires: May 4, 2013

J. Scott Rhodes
Respondent's Counsel and
Task Force Member
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

Maret Vessella, Chief Bar Counsel
State Bar of Arizona and
Task Force Member
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

Attorney Members (continued)

Pamela Treadwell-Rubin
Term Expires: May 4, 2012

Patricia Sallen, Director
Special Services & Ethic Counsel
State Bar of Arizona
Term Expires: May 4, 2012

Public Members

Benny Click
Attorney Discipline Hearing Panel
Committee on Character and Fitness
Term Expires: May 4, 2013

Dr. Ron Watson, PhD.
Committee on Character and Fitness
Term Expires: May 4, 2012

Emily Johnston
Arizona Judicial Council
Term Expires: May 4, 2014

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