

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

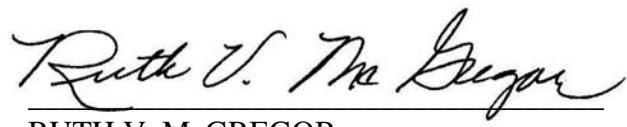
In accordance with Rule 50(a) and (b), Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, and Administrative Order No. 99-63, the Supreme Court is responsible for appointing hearing officers for the purpose of adjudicating disciplinary matters regarding attorneys. On November 8, 2006, via Administrative Order No. 2006-98, the Court established an experimental program to evaluate the feasibility and efficacy of paid hearing officers and other procedures to expedite the processing of attorney discipline complaints. Further, the Court appointed Jeffrey Coker as a paid hearing officer/process improvement consultant, for a one-year term, for the period beginning December 1, 2006 and ending November 30, 2007.

Since his appointment, hearing officer Coker has been assigned and presided over a number of attorney discipline cases, conducted an ongoing review of the attorney discipline process and made initial recommendations on improvements to the process. A number of these recommendations have been implemented, on an experimental basis, in the processing of the cases assigned to hearing officer Coker. Re-appointment of hearing officer Coker will provide additional time for evaluation of the impact of the implemented experimental procedures, use of paid hearing officers and review of the attorney discipline process and for hearing officer Coker to present a final report to the Court with his recommendations at the Court's retreat in May 2008. Therefore, after due consideration,

IT IS ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, that the Court approves the reappointment of Jeffrey Coker as a hearing officer/process improvement consultant for the period of December 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. As to hearing officer Coker, Rule 50(b) Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, providing for three-year terms of office, is suspended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED with respect to this special appointment, compensation may be paid for hearing officer Coker's services. Therefore, as to hearing officer Coker, that portion of Rule 50(e), Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, which precludes compensation for hearing officer service is suspended.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2007.



RUTH V. McGREGOR
Chief Justice