

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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APPROVING ARIZONA) Administrative Order
PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS) No. 2026 - 81
PROGRAM AS LAWYER)
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)
_____)

The Arizona Legal Professional Wellness Program requests to be approved as a lawyer assistance program. Participants in an approved lawyer assistance program are afforded certain protections per Supreme Court Rule 48(1) and Ethical Rule 8.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Supreme Court Rule 48(1) provides that communications to “participants in an approved member assistance program including those seeking assistance and those seeking to provide assistance . . . shall be absolutely privileged conduct, and no civil action predicated thereon may be instituted against any complainant or witness” and “shall be immune from suit for any conduct in the participation in the program.” With respect to the ethical rules, a lawyer who knows that another lawyer has committed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct that raises a substantial question as to that lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer is required to inform the appropriate professional authority in accordance with Ethical Rule 8.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The rule does not require disclosure of information about another lawyer or a judge as a result of participation in an approved lawyer assistance program.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Arizona Legal Professional Wellness Program is approved as a lawyer assistance program for purposes of Supreme Court Rule 48(1) and Ethical Rule 8.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2026.

FOR THE COURT:

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice