

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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LAWYER DISCIPLINE) Administrative Order
PROCESS REVIEW) No. 2019 - 24
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The Supreme Court has jurisdiction over any person engaged in the practice of law within the State of Arizona, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 31, and all lawyers are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court. id. R. 48. This Court has delegated the duty to investigate and, when necessary, prosecute lawyer discipline matters to the State Bar of Arizona. id. R. 46. Routine review of the performance of this duty from time to time is appropriate to ensure that the attorney discipline process serves the interest of justice.

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

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall assign well-qualified personnel to conduct an operational review of the lawyer discipline process.
2. Rule 70 of the Rules of the Supreme Court is suspended in order to permit access to all records in the custody of state bar staff, bar counsel, the probable cause committee, a settlement officer, the presiding disciplinary judge, and hearing panel members deemed relevant by the personnel assigned to conduct the review. id. R. 26.
3. The Administrative Director shall report the results of the review to the Supreme Court.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2019.

FOR THE COURT:

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice