

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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 APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING) Administrative Order
 OFFICER) No. 2006- 98
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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. The Court is desirous of expediting the process by which attorney disciplinary complaints are handled and wishes to establish an experimental program in order to evaluate the feasibility and efficacy of paid hearing officers in such matters. Therefore, after due consideration,

IT IS ORDERED that the Court approves the appointment of Jeffrey Coker as a hearing officer/process improvement consultant to serve a one-year term beginning December 1, 2006 and ending November 30, 2007 for the purpose of adjudicating disciplinary matters regarding attorneys and evaluating case processing procedures for attorney discipline. 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 8th day of November, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

RUTH V. MCGREGOR
Chief Justice