In the Indiana Supreme Court



Cause No. 19S-MS-41

Order Amending Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct

Under the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution providing for the admission and discipline of attorneys in this state, the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct, Use of Non-lawyer Assistants, Guideline 9.1, is amended as follows (deletions shown by striking and new text show by underlining):

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USE OF NON-LAWYER ASSISTANTS

Introduction

Subject to the provisions in Rule 5.3, all lawyers may use non-lawyer assistants in accordance with the following guidelines.

Guideline 9.1. Supervision

A non-lawyer assistant shall perform services only under the direct supervision of a lawyer authorized to practice in the State of Indiana-and in the employ of the lawyer or the lawyer's employer. Independent non-lawyer assistants, to-wit, those not employed by a specific firm or by specific lawyers are prohibited from establishing a direct relationship with a client to provide legal services. A lawyer is responsible for all of the professional actions of a non-lawyer assistant performing services at the lawyer's direction and should take reasonable measures to ignsure that the non-lawyer assistant's conduct is consistent with the lawyer's obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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This amendment shall take effect upon the date of this Order.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on _____7/3/2019

Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.