

1 CHARTER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATTORNEY STANDARDS

2 Section 1. Purpose.

3 It is the policy of the North Dakota judicial system to provide a mechanism that
4 satisfies the constitutional obligation of the supreme court to adopt rules governing
5 lawyer discipline and that encourages an active and substantial involvement of the unified
6 bar in reviewing issues concerning the professional stature and obligations of the legal
7 profession in North Dakota. The purpose of the joint committee is to provide a single
8 vehicle for the coordinated, complementary, and continuing study and review of the
9 range of issues concerning attorney standards and supervision.

10 Section 2. Membership.

11 (a) The committee is composed of 14 members:

12 (1) Seven members, including two lay members, appointed by the chief
13 justice after consultation with the supreme court; and

14 (2) Seven members, including two lay members, appointed by the board of
15 governors of the state bar association of North Dakota.

16 (b) The president of the state bar association appoints the committee chair, whose
17 term as chair may not exceed two years.

18 Section 3. Duties.

19 (a) The committee will study and review all rules and proposals concerning
20 attorney supervision including:

21 (1) Admission to the Bar;

22 (2) Attorney Discipline;

23 (3) Code of Professional Responsibility;

24 (4) Student Practice; and

25 (5) Other matters of attorney supervision referred to it by the supreme court
26 or the board of governors of the state bar association.

27 (b) The committee must make any reports as requested by the supreme court or the
28 board of governors and must submit any recommendations to the board of governors for
29 review and comment before submission of final recommendations to the supreme court.

30 Section 4. Staffing.

31 Staff services for the committee will be provided through the office of state court
32 administrator and by the executive director of the state bar association, or the executive
33 director's designee.

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