

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 2046

Amending Bar Rules 61 and 66 to
Allow the Board of Governors to
Set Reinstatement and Penalty
Fees.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Bar Rule 61 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 61. Suspension for Nonpayment of Alaska Bar Membership Fees, Fee Arbitration Awards, and Child Support Obligation; and for Failure to Respond to a Grievance.

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(b) The Executive Director shall annually notify the clerks of court of the names and date of suspension of all members who have been then or previously suspended and not reinstated.

(1) Any member who has been suspended for less than one year, upon payment of all accrued dues and penalties set by the Board, ~~in addition to a penalty of \$10.00 per week of delinquency (each portion of a week to be considered a whole week) but not exceeding a total of \$160.00 in penalties~~ shall be reinstated upon certification by the Executive Director to the Supreme Court and the clerks of court that the dues and penalties have been paid.

(2) Any member who has been suspended for a year or more, upon determination of character and fitness as set forth in Rule 2(1)(d) by the Board, upon payment of all accrued dues and penalties set by the Board, ~~in addition to a penalty of \$160.00~~, shall

be reinstated upon certification by the Executive Director to the Supreme Court and the clerks of court that the member meets the standard of character and fitness set forth in Rule 2(1)(d) and that dues and penalties have been paid.

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2. Bar Rule 66 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 66. Noncompliance with Continuing Legal Education Requirements; Suspension.

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(b) *Suspension for Noncompliance with Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Requirement or Noncompliance with Requirement to Report MCLE.*

(1) Any member who has not complied with the MCLE requirement in Rule 65(a) or with the mandatory reporting requirement in Rule 65(c), and who has not remedied the noncompliance as provided in subsection (a) of this rule, shall be notified in writing by certified or registered mail that the Executive Director shall, after 15 days from the date of the notice, petition the Supreme Court of Alaska for an order suspending the member for noncompliance.

(2) A member suspended under this subsection shall not be reinstated until:

(A) the member has complied with the MCLE requirement and the mandatory reporting requirement;

(B) the member has paid a reinstatement fee in an amount set by the Board;

(C) the member has paid any dues accruing during suspension; ~~and~~

(D) for a member suspended for one year or more, the member has demonstrated character and fitness to practice law as provided in Alaska Bar Rule 2, Section 1(d), in accordance with Board Policy; and

(E)~~(D)~~the Executive Director has certified the member's compliance to the Alaska Supreme Court.

DATED: April 23, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2026

/s/
Acting Chief Justice Borghesan

/s/
Justice Henderson

/s/
Justice Pate

/s/
Justice Oravec