

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

RULES RELATING TO DISCIPLINE OF ATTORNEYS

RULE 203

TYPES OF DISCIPLINE

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Rule 203(c)(1), (2), (4), and (7) are hereby amended, effective the date of this order:

(c) Automatic temporary suspension of attorneys convicted of a felony crime or any crime mandating registration by the attorney as an "offender" as defined by the Kansas Offender Registration Act, K.S.A. 22-4901.

(1) Duty of attorney to report. An attorney who has been charged with a felony crime (as hereinafter defined) in Kansas or a crime that upon conviction mandates registration by the attorney as an "offender" as defined by K.S.A. 22-4902 (a), or with an equivalent offense in any federal court of the United States or the District of Columbia or in any other state, territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States shall promptly within 14 days inform the Disciplinary Administrator in writing of the charge. The attorney shall ~~thereafter promptly~~ inform the Disciplinary Administrator of the disposition of the matter within 14 days of disposition. Notice of Appeal does not stay the reporting required under this rule.

(2) Duty of ~~judicial administrator or~~ clerk of court. The ~~judicial administrator or~~ clerk of any court in this state in which an attorney is convicted of a felony crime or a crime mandating registration as an "offender" pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4201 shall within 14 days after the conviction transmit a certified copy of the judgment of conviction to the Disciplinary Administrator.

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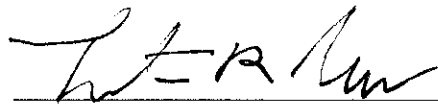
(4) Automatic temporary suspension. Upon the filing with the Supreme Court of the certificate of conviction showing that any attorney licensed to practice law in Kansas has been found guilty, whether sentenced or not, in any federal court of the United States or the District of Columbia or of any state, territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States of a felony crime as hereinafter defined, or of a crime mandating registration by the attorney as an "offender" as defined in K.S.A. 22-4201, the

Court shall enter an order immediately and temporarily suspending that attorney from the practice of law until final disposition of the disciplinary proceeding commenced upon such conviction, whether the conviction resulted from a plea of guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere, or from a verdict after trial or otherwise, and regardless of the pendency of any appeal. A copy of the order of suspension shall immediately be served upon the attorney, who then must timely comply with Rule 218. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude an application by the Disciplinary Administrator for a temporary suspension otherwise allowable by Supreme Court rule of any attorney convicted of any other crime.

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(7) Disciplinary proceedings. Any disciplinary proceeding arising out of a conviction for a felony crime shall proceed as any other matter under the Supreme Court's disciplinary rules.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, this 6th day of July, 2011.



Lawton R. Nuss
Chief Justice