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AMENDMENTS TO
THE RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

ARTICLE IV. DIRECT APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES
TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

1. Rule 18, "Taking Appeal; Record on Appeal—Composition and Settlement" is hereby amended:

- (1) by striking the word "and" in line 3 of Subsection (a) and by inserting in line 3 after the word "Insurance" a comma and the words "and the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar"; and
- (2) by adding two new paragraphs following the first paragraph in Subsection (b) to read as follows:

"The time and methods for taking appeals from the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar are: Either party to the proceeding, within 30 days after receipt of a copy of the Order of the Commission, which is to be sent by Registered or Certified Mail, may appeal from the decision of the Commission to the Court of Appeals for alleged errors of law under the same terms and conditions as govern appeals from the Superior Court to the Court of Appeals in ordinary civil actions.

"In case of an appeal from the decision of the Commission to the Court of Appeals, the appeal shall operate as a supersedeas; and any discipline imposed by the Commission shall be stayed pending determination of the appeal."

- (3) by striking the period at the end of the word "agency" in line 10 of Subsection (d) (3) and inserting a comma and the words "or the Chairman of the Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar to settle the record on appeal in appeals from that agency."
 - (4) by adding after the word "Commission" in line 2 of the third paragraph of Subsection (d) (3) the words "or the Chairman of the Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar."
2. Rule 19, "PARTIES TO APPEAL FROM AGENCIES," is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

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“(d) *From the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of The North Carolina State Bar.* The complainant in the original complaint before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission, each of the other parties to the proceeding, the Chairman of the Hearing Committee or the Chairman of the Commission may be parties of record to and participate in the appeal as appellants or appellees according to their respective interests.”

These amendments to Article IV of the Rules of Appellate Procedure were adopted by the Supreme Court in Conference on June 21, 1977, to become effective immediately upon adoption. The amendments shall be promulgated by publication in the next succeeding Advance Sheets of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

Exum, J.

For the Court