STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT



June 11, 2015

ADM10-8005

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

ORDER REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Minnesota State Bar Association and the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board filed a joint petition proposing amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct based on recommendations made by the American Bar Association Commission on Ethics 20/20, and the court approved the proposed rule amendments, effective as of April 1, 2015. The Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board requests an additional amendment to Rule 7.3(b) for consistency with the ABA recommendations and other amendments promulgated to that rule. The court has reviewed the proposed rule amendment and agrees that the amendment should be made for internal consistency within the rule.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rule 7.3(b) of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct is amended as shown below, effective immediately.

Dated: June 11, 2015

BY THE COURT:

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Alan C. Page / Associate Justice

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

In the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words and additions by a line drawn under the words.

RULE 7.3. SOLICITATION OF CLIENTS

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(b) A lawyer shall not solicit professional employment from a prospective client by written, recorded, or electronic communication or by in-person or telephone contact even when not otherwise prohibited by paragraph (a) if:

(1) the target of the solicitation has made known to the lawyer a desire not to be solicited by the lawyer; or

(2) the solicitation involves coercion, duress, or harassment.