

**JOINT ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME  
COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION**

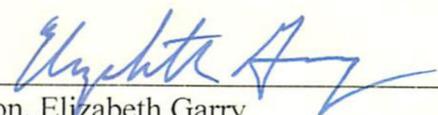
The Judicial Departments of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, pursuant to the authority vested in them, do hereby amend Part 1240, Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters, of Title 22 of the Official Compilation of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, as follows, effective April 8, 2021 (additions underlined).

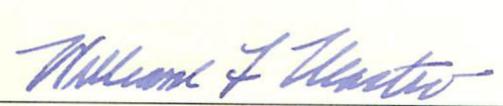
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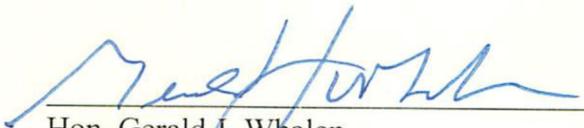
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(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, a duly constituted disciplinary authority of a federal court located within the State may request expedited disclosure of records or documents that are confidential pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90 (10) for use in an investigation or proceeding pending before the federal court. The request shall be made in writing and submitted to the Presiding Justice of the Department having jurisdiction over such confidential records or documents. The request should, to the extent practicable, identify the nature of the pending investigation or proceeding and the specific records or documents sought. The request may also seek deferral of notice of the request for so long as the matter is in the investigative stage before the federal court. Upon receipt of the request, the Presiding Justice may take any appropriate action and may refer the request to a panel of Justices of the Appellate Division for expedited consideration. Confidential records and documents disclosed to the federal disciplinary authority in response to the request shall not be used for any purpose other than the investigation or proceeding pending before the federal court.

  
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Hon. Rolando T. Acosta  
Presiding Justice  
First Judicial Department

  
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Hon. Elizabeth Garry  
Presiding Justice  
Third Judicial Department

  
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Hon. William F. Mastro  
Presiding Justice  
Second Judicial Department

  
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Hon. Gerald J. Whalen  
Presiding Justice  
Fourth Judicial Department

Date: <sup>APRIL 7</sup> March , 2021