

1 **DRAFT PROPOSED INTERIM RULE**

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8 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM**

9 Supreme Court Case No. PRM08-00____

10 **RE:**)
11) **PROMULGATION ORDER NO.**
12 **ADOPTION OF INTERIM RULE**) **08-00__-01**
13 **REGARDING PROCEDURES**)
14 **BEFORE THE GUAM BAR**)
ASSOCIATION ETHICS)
COMMITTEE)

15 Pursuant to Section 1424-1(7) of the Organic Act of Guam which expressly authorizes
16 this Court to “govern attorney . . . ethics and the practice of law in Guam, including . . . the
17 conduct and discipline of persons admitted to practice law,” the Interim Rule below regarding
18 procedures before the Guam Bar Association Ethics Committee is hereby adopted and shall
19 remain in effect until further order of this Court..

20 Through Promulgation Order 99-004 this Court made certain amendments to the Rules
21 of Procedure for Disciplinary Proceedings of the Guam Bar Ethics Committee. The present
22 Interim Rule shall operate as a component of those Rules to the extent the Interim Rule is
23 consistent with those Rules. The Rules shall control if any unreconcilable inconsistencies arise
24 between this Interim Rule and the Rules.

25 The purpose of this Interim Rule is to allow for the addition of seven (7) members to the
26 ethics committee who will act solely as an adjudicative body in formal proceedings. Such
27 procedures will maximize the efficiency of the attorney disciplinary system.
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Seven (7) additional ethics committee members shall be appointed by the President of the Guam Bar Association in the manner established for the appointment of members to the ethics committee. The seven additional members shall be known as the Adjudicative Committee. A Chair and Vice-Chair of such Adjudicative Committee shall be designated by the President of the Guam Bar Association in the manner established for the designation of a Chair and Vice Chair for the ethics committee. The Adjudicative Committee shall be “the Committee” in any ethics matter under these Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Proceedings of the Guam Bar Ethics Committee upon the filing of formal Specification of Charges with the Chair of the Adjudicative Committee in that ethics matter.

The seven (7) original ethics committee members shall hereafter be referred to as the Investigative Committee and shall be “the Committee” in any ethics matter under these Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Proceedings of the Guam Bar Ethics Committee prior to the filing of formal Specification of Charges in that ethics matter.

Dated at Hagatna, Guam: _____, 2008.

SO ORDERED:

ROBERT J. TORRES, JR.
Chief Justice

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Associate Justice

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Associate Justice