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On or before June 30, 2023, members of the bench, bar, legislature, executive branch or public may file with the Professional Conduct Committee comments addressing the Draft Standing Order. The Draft Standing Order is on the Attorney Discipline Office's website: www.nhattyreg.org. Comments can be made to pcc@nhattyreg.org.

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DRAFT STANDING ORDER

On _____, 2023, the Professional Conduct Committee voted to issue this Standing Order regarding the filing of pleadings, effective for pleadings filed after _____, 2023.

- 1) No pleadings or requests for substantive relief received by the administrative legal assistant of the PCC within 10 days of a PCC meeting shall be considered at the meeting. If a response to the pleading has been received in advance of the meeting, the PCC, in its sole discretion, may elect to consider the pleading. Consideration of such a pleading shall be an exception to ordinary practice. If the basis for filing the pleading is an event that occurred within 10 days of the PCC meeting, the pleading shall so state in the introduction paragraph.
- 2) All requests for substantive relief shall be in pleading format. All pleadings shall be formatted with one-inch margins, double spacing, 12-point font and single sided printing. No pleading exceeding 10 such pages shall be accepted without advance leave to file such pleading or agreement of the opposing party. Pleadings in violation of this rule shall be automatically returned to the sender. This rule does not apply to the record of a matter's prior proceedings.
- 3) Exhibits shall not be attached to pleadings unless necessary to support the content thereof. Any attached exhibit shall be addressed within the body of the pleading, explaining the relevance and attesting to the authenticity of the exhibit.

- 4) Any pleading alleging a fact not previously in the record must be verified and signed under oath before being considered by the PCC. If the opposing party identifies new facts that are neither in the record nor verified and signed under oath, the party filing the initial pleading shall have 10 days to remedy the mistake, failing which the unverified facts shall be stricken or the pleading shall be returned to the filing party.
- 5) No further pleadings addressing the Committee's order on a motion to reconsider shall be accepted by the PCC.

Effective Date: _____

Dated: XXXX, 2023

Stephanie C. Hausman
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