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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in these Procedures, unless the context otherwise

As used in these Procedures, unless the context otherwise requires:
A. "CLERK" means the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.
B. "COMMITTEE" means the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct.
C. "COMPLAINANT" means the person(s) initiating a complaint, the Executive Director when acting at his or her own instance, or the Committee when acting at its own instance or on behalf of another in initiating a complaint.
D. "COMPLAINT" means an inquiry, allegation, or information of whatever nature and in whatever form received by, coming to the attention of, or initiated by the Office of Professional Conduct or the Committee and concerning the conduct of a person subject to the jurisdiction of the Committee.
E. "FORMAL COMPLAINT" means a complaint directed to an attorney by the Office of Professional Conduct setting forth the alleged violation(s) of the Rules and informing the attorney of the right to file a written response.
F. "LESSER MISCONDUCT" is defined in Section 17(C).
G. "OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT" means the staff office managed and supervised by the Executive Director, which is responsible for receiving and investigating all complaints concerning members of the Arkansas Bar, filing formal complaints, presenting cases
in hearings before the Committee panels, and litigating cases from the Committee before any court of this State.
H. "RESPONDENT" or "RESPONDENT ATTORNEY" means an attorney against whom a formal complaint has been initiated, whether or not the attorney has failed to file a written response.
I. "RULES" means the former Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the American Bar Association, as amended, and, after May 1, 2005, the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, and any statutory provisions or rules adopted by the Arkansas Supreme Court regulating the professional conduct of attorneys at law.
J. "SERIOUS CRIME" means (1) any felony, (2) any lesser crime that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, or (3) any crime
a necessary element of which, as determined by the statutory or common law definition of the crime, involves interference with the administration of justice, false swearing, misrepresentation,
fraud, deceit, bribery, extortion, misappropriation, theft or an attempt, conspiracy or solicitation of another to commit a "serious crime."
K. "SERIOUS MISCONDUCT" is defined in Section 17(B).

L. "SUBSTANTIAL," when used for the purposes of these Procedures in reference to degree or extent, means beyond mere suspicion or conjecture and of sufficient force and character to compel a conclusion one way or another with reasonable and material certainty and
precision.
M. "UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES" means circumstances not attributable to negligence, carelessness, fault, or the lack of diligence on the part of the respondent attorney.

Associated Court Rules:
Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law

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