

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**

PRACTICE OF LAW

SCR 3.140 Appointment of inquiry commission

(1) The Chief Justice, with the consent of the Court, shall appoint an Inquiry Commission consisting of nine persons, six of whom shall be lawyers possessing the qualifications of a Circuit Judge and three of whom shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of at least thirty (30) years of age who are not lawyers. One lawyer member shall be designated by the Chief Justice as Chair of the Commission and of each panel. No lawyer members shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms of three (3) years. No non-lawyer member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms of two (2) years.

(2) The Commission shall meet and act in panels of three (3) persons comprised of two (2) lawyers and one (1) non-lawyer to promptly dispose of all complaints and matters referred to it pursuant to SCR 3.170. When the Commission meets in a panel of three (3), any two (2) members must be present in order that a quorum exist. At least one (1) panel of the Commission shall meet each month if there is unresolved business to conduct.

(3) The terms of the lawyer and non-lawyer members of the Inquiry Commission shall be appointed by the Chief Justice, with the consent of the Court, in such a manner that their terms shall be staggered.

(4) The Inquiry Commission may adopt administrative regulations for the discharge of its responsibility subject to approval of the Court during its regular term. The Commission shall meet as a whole for administrative purposes, at which six (6) persons shall constitute a quorum. The Commission, through its administrative regulations, will provide for the rotation of its members among the different panels.

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