SCR 3.181 Assistance to other lawyer disciplinary jurisdictions

(1) Upon receipt by the Director of a subpoena certified to be duly issued under the rules or laws of another lawyer disciplinary jurisdiction, or by a clients’ security fund of any jurisdiction, the Inquiry Commission may authorize the Director or Disciplinary Clerk to issue the subpoena directing a person domiciled or found within the Commonwealth of Kentucky to give testimony and/or produce documents or other things for use in the other lawyer disciplinary or clients’ security fund proceedings as directed in the subpoena of the other jurisdiction.

(2) The testimony or production shall be only in the county wherein the person resides or is employed, or as otherwise fixed by the Inquiry Commission for good cause shown, and shall be taken as provided in CR 28.01.

(3) Any attack on the validity of a subpoena issued by another jurisdiction may be heard and determined by the disciplinary authority of the other state in accordance with the law of the issuing jurisdiction.

(4) In addition to the relief available under the law of the requesting disciplinary jurisdiction or clients’ security fund, upon motion made by a party or by the person from whom appearance or production is sought, and for good cause shown, the Inquiry Commission may make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense, including one or more of the following: (a) that the testimony or production not be had; (b) that it may be had only on specified terms and conditions, including a designation of the time or place; (c) that it may be had only by a method other than that selected by the party seeking testimony or production; (d) that certain matters not be inquired into, or that the scope of the subpoena be limited to certain matters; (e) that the testimony be taken with no one present except persons designated by the Inquiry Commission; (f) that testimony may be sealed to be opened only by order of the original issuing jurisdiction; (g) that a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information not be disclosed or be disclosed only in a designated way; (h) that the parties simultaneously file specified documents or information enclosed in sealed envelopes to be opened as directed by the original issuing jurisdiction.

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