

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

**PRACTICE OF LAW**

**SCR 3.185 Informal admonition procedure**

(1) After a complaint against an attorney for unprofessional conduct is investigated and a response filed, the Inquiry Commission may direct a private admonition, with or without conditions, to the attorney if the acts or course of conduct complained of are shown not to warrant a greater degree of discipline. The attorney so admonished may, within 20 days from the date of the admonition, reject such admonition and request that a charge be issued and filed as is provided by Rule 3.190; whereupon, the issues shall be processed under the applicable rules.

(2) The Inquiry Commission may also issue a warning or a conditional dismissal letter including, but not limited to, conditions such as referral to KYLAP, attendance at a remedial ethics program or related classes as directed by the Office of Bar Counsel, or referral to fee arbitration under SCR 3.810. The attorney who receives the warning letter may, within 30 days from the date of the letter, respond to the letter and request that it be reconsidered by the Inquiry Commission.

HISTORY: Amended by Order 2017-18, eff. 1-1-2018; prior amendments eff. 1-1-16 (Order 2015-20), 3-1-12 (Order 2012-01), 2-1-08 (Order 2007-007), 12-18-07 (Order 2007-008), 4-1-07 (Order 2007-01, 10-1-98 (Order 98-1), 1-1-78; adopted eff. 6-14-72