

**RULE CHANGE 2025(24)**

**RULES GOVERNING LAWYER DISCIPLINE AND DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS,  
PROTECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL, CONTINUING LEGAL AND JUDICIAL  
EDUCATION, ATTORNEYS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION, AND LAWYER  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**Rule 242.6**

## Rule 242.6. Presiding Disciplinary Judge

(a) – (c) [NO CHANGE]

**(d) Disqualification or Inability to Serve.** The Presiding Disciplinary Judge must refrain from taking part in a proceeding in which a similarly situated judge would be required to disqualify. No lawyer currently affiliated by employment with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge may represent anyone in a proceeding under the Rules Governing the Practice of Law so long as the Presiding Disciplinary Judge is serving in that role. If the Presiding Disciplinary Judge has been disqualified, the clerk of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge will select a presiding officer from among the available Colorado lawyers in the Hearing Board pool. The presiding officer must act in accordance with this rule. When a presiding officer is selected to serve in a proceeding under this rule, the presiding officer is empowered in that proceeding to take all actions normally entrusted to the Presiding Disciplinary Judge. In lieu of the clerk's selection of a presiding officer from the Hearing Board pool, the supreme court may, at the Presiding Disciplinary Judge's request, appoint an active or retired judge to serve as a presiding officer (1) in a proceeding under this rule or (2) for a specific period of time.

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**Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, December 4, 2025, effective immediately.  
Justice Hart did not participate.**

**By the Court:**

**William W. Hood, III  
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**