

Proposed Rule 1-210. Professional Liability Insurance

1 **Rule 1-210. Professional Liability Insurance**

2 (a) All active members of the State Bar of Georgia engaged in the private practice of
3 law in Georgia must be covered by a policy of professional liability insurance, in an
4 amount no less than \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 in the aggregate, the limits of
5 which are not reduced by payment of attorney's fees or claims expenses incurred by the
6 insurer for the investigation, adjustment, defense, or appeal of a claim.

7 (b) The following members shall be exempt from the requirements of this rule:

8 (1) Members who are employed by a governmental entity or other
9 organization and whose practice is limited to matters concerning the entity or
10 organization;

11 (2) Members whose practice consists solely of serving as an arbitrator or
12 mediator; and

13 (3) Members who are not actively engaged in the practice of law or who do
14 not represent clients.

15 (c) Each lawyer who is required by this rule to have professional liability insurance
16 shall so certify by providing the name of the insurance company and the policy number
17 on the annual license fee notice, and shall notify the Membership Department of the State
18 Bar of Georgia in writing within 30 days if coverage lapses, is no longer in effect, or
19 terminates for any reason. Each lawyer's insurance status shall appear in the State Bar
20 Member Directory as either "yes," "no," or "exempt."

21 (d) No lawyer shall be deemed to be a member in good standing while in violation of
22 this Rule. A lawyer deemed not to be in good standing under this Rule shall be returned

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23 to good standing upon providing the Executive Director of the State Bar of Georgia with
24 proof of professional liability insurance.

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Proposed Amendment to Rule 1-204
(contingent upon adoption of Rule 1-210)

1 **Rule 1-204. Good Standing.**

2 No lawyer shall be deemed a member in good standing:

3 (a) while delinquent after September 1 of any year for nonpayment of the annual
4 license fee and any costs or fees of any type as prescribed in Chapter 5, Rule 1-501 (a)-

5 (c);

6 (b) while suspended for disciplinary reasons;

7 (c) while disbarred;

8 (d) while suspended for failure to comply with continuing legal education
9 requirements; or

10 (e) while in violation of Rule 1-209 for failure to pay child support obligations.

11 (f) while in violation of Rule 1-210.