

1 **Rule 11-511. ~~(d)~~ Screening Ppanel composition; responsibilities, quorums.**

2 ~~(d)~~(a) Screening panel composition. The Committee members, except for the
3 Committee chair and ~~Committee~~ vice chairs, ~~shall be~~are divided into four screening
4 panel sections of five members each, including six four ~~L~~Lawyers ~~of the Bar~~ and one~~two~~
5 public members. Whenever a screening panel is assigned a Complaint involving a
6 licensed paralegal practitioner, the Committee chair may, as practical, assign up to two
7 Committee members who are licensed paralegal practitioners to the screening panel.

8 (b) Screening panel number. All screening panel hearings must have five panel
9 members present unless all parties agree to fewer than five, but not fewer than three,
10 panel members. A panel chair or vice chair and a public member must be present at
11 each screening panel hearing.

12 (c) Chair and vice chair. The Supreme Court ~~shall~~will name a chair and vice chair for
13 each screening panel. The chair or, in the chair's absence ~~of the chair~~, ~~the~~ vice chair ~~shall~~
14 presides over ~~the~~ screening panel hearings. The panel chair may call upon the vice chair
15 to assist in any of the panel chair's duties. Chairs or vice chairs from other panels may
16 conduct hearings if the regular chair and vice chair are unable to attend. ~~In the event~~
17 ~~of~~If the chair's is ~~removed~~is ~~resignations~~, the vice chair will become the chair, and
18 the Court ~~shall~~will appoint a ~~member of the~~ Committee member to serve as vice chair.

19 (d) Voting. ~~Two members of the Bar plus one public member shall constitute a quorum~~
20 ~~of a screening panel. The concurrence of a~~ majority vote of those members present and
21 voting at any proceeding ~~shall be~~is required for a screening panel determination. ~~If an~~
22 ~~even number of screening panel members participate in a proceeding, t~~The chair, or
23 vice chair if the chair is not present, ~~shall~~may not vote unless necessary to break a tie.
24 The chair or vice chair ~~shall~~may, however, fully participate in the proceeding.

25 (e) Meetings. Each screening panel ~~shall~~meets as is necessary to effectively and
26 promptly carry out its duties. The Committee chair may convene the entire Committee
27 ~~may be convened~~ at such other times ~~by the chair~~ as necessary to effectively and
28 promptly carry out ~~its~~ the Committee's duties.

29 ~~(e)~~ **Removal, a** Alternates. ~~The Committee chair may recommend removal of a~~
30 ~~Committee member by notifying the Supreme Court of the recommendation of removal~~
31 ~~and reasons for the recommendation. The removal shall take effect upon the Supreme~~
32 ~~Court's acceptance of the recommendation.~~ Members of any screening panel may serve
33 as alternate members on different screening panels. The Committee chair and the
34 Committee vice chairs may serve as alternate members on all screening panels.

35 ~~(f)~~ **Responsibilities**.

36 ~~(1) Informal~~ Complaints shall be randomly assigned to a screening panels.
37 The screening panels ~~shall review,~~ and hear all Complaints charging that a
38 Lawyer engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct, and may consider any
39 other relevant information ~~investigate, and hear all informal complaints charging~~
40 ~~that a lawyer engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct~~ ~~members~~. ~~After~~
41 ~~such review, investigation, hearing, and analysis, the s~~ Screening panels shall
42 determine the action to be taken on any ~~informal~~ Complaint ~~which~~ that, based
43 ~~upon~~ in applying these rules to the facts of the ~~particular~~ case, is most consistent
44 with the public interest and the Rules of Professional Conduct or Licensed
45 Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct.

46 ~~(2) Except as~~ Unless otherwise provided in this article, whenever the OPC ~~counsel~~
47 may be present before a screening panel during a hearing, the ~~Respondent~~ may
48 also be present.

49 Effective December 15, 2020