NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to a proposal submitted by the Nebraska State Bar Association, the Nebraska Supreme Court is considering amendments to Neb. Ct. R. § 3-803, Membership. The amendments would revise subsection (B)(3) to clarify that Emeritus Inactive members are exempted from the mandatory membership assessments. Such amendments would further clarify that any requirement to pay voluntary membership dues is a matter to be determined by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Nebraska Supreme Court directed that the proposed amendments be published for a public comment period.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed amendments. Anyone desiring to comment on the proposed amendments should do so in writing to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via e-mail to joshua.shasserre@nejudicial.gov, **with the rule section listed in the subject line**, no later than January 4, 2027.

The full text of the proposed amendments is available below, or a paper copy may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals upon request.

CHAPTER 3: ATTORNEYS AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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Article 8: State Bar Association; Creation; Control; and Regulation.

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§ 3-803. Membership.

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(B) Classes. Members of this Association shall be divided into five classes, namely: Active members, Inactive members, Disability Inactive members, Law Student members, and Emeritus members.

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(3) Any member who attained the age of 75 years of age during the dues year being billed or has been actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of Nebraska for 50 years or more during the dues year being billed may, if he or she so elects, be placed in an Emeritus membership status. A member desiring to be placed in an Emeritus membership status shall submit a written application therefor with the Attorney Services Division and, if otherwise qualified, shall be placed in the Emeritus status classification. A member electing Emeritus classification shall not be required to pay ~~membership dues to this Association~~ mandatory membership assessments established by the Court and administered through the Attorney Services Division. No Emeritus member shall practice law in Nebraska, or vote or hold office in this Association. Any Emeritus member may, on submitting an application with the Attorney Services Division and upon payment of the required dues and compliance with the requirements as may be imposed by the Supreme Court to show fitness to engage in the active practice of law in this State, become an Active member.

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