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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE COMMONWEALTH
RULES OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

SUPREME COURT NO. 2007-ADM-0026-RUL

ORDER ADOPTING COMMONWEALTH RULES OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY
PROCEDURE ON INTERIM BASIS

¶ 1 This matter is before the Court on our own motion to adopt rules governing judicial disciplinary proceedings in furtherance of our constitutional responsibility and our inherent authority to maintain appropriate standards of professional conduct for Commonwealth justices and judges. Our supervisory duties require clear rules apprising members of the public, the bar, and the judiciary of the process to which judicial disciplinary proceedings must adhere. Accordingly, we adopt the proposed Commonwealth Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure¹ on an interim basis until such time as, after submission to the legislature, the Rules become effective pursuant to NMI Constitution, Article IV, Section 9(A).

¶ 2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the attached Commonwealth Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure shall be effective immediately, until revocation or modification by this Court or through the process defined at NMI Constitution, Article IV, Section 9(A).

SO ORDERED this 29th day of August 2007.

/s/

MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN
Chief Justice

/s/

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Associate Justice

/s/

JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice

¹ On May 11, 2007, the attached proposed Commonwealth Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure were submitted to the CNMI Bar Association for review and comment. To date no response from the Bar has been received.