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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY ATTORNEYS DISPLACED BY HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused significant damage to the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas, displacing attorneys in those states and making it impossible to practice law in the affected areas.

On petition from the State Bar of California, this Court, pursuant to Article VI, section 1 of the California Constitution, and in the exercise of its inherent authority over the practice of law in California (*In re Attorney Discipline System* (1998) 19 Cal.4th 582), permits those displaced attorneys to practice law from California under the limited conditions as set forth below.

IT IS ORDERED that notwithstanding rules and regulations governing the practice of law in California, an attorney holding a valid license to practice law issued by Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Texas, who is in good standing with the attorney's home state bar, and who is displaced from the attorney's home jurisdiction due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, is permitted, pursuant to the limitations described herein, to practice law from a location in California as if the attorney were located in the state in which the attorney is licensed. This special

authority to practice law while located in California is limited to a period of twelve (12) months from the date of this order, subject to an additional period if so ordered by the Court, and is limited to representing existing or new clients with respect to actions or matters arising out of the jurisdictions in which the attorneys are licensed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an attorney practicing pursuant to this order, to the extent he or she is not subject to the disciplinary system of the jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed with respect to the legal services performed in California under this order, shall be subject to the State Bar of California's Rules of Professional Conduct and other rules and statutes governing professional conduct in California. The attorney shall provide his or her name, California addresses or contact information, and license number(s), as issued by the home state(s), to the State Bar of California within five (5) days of commencing practice pursuant to this Order. No application or licensure fees shall be required of the attorneys subject to this Order.

Dated this 10 day of NOVEMBER, 2005.

GEORGE

Chief Justice