

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 7

**MEDIA AND MEDIA RELATIONS**

**Goals**

The goals of these policies and procedures are to protect confidential information from public dissemination, to allow the Board, when public comment is appropriate, to speak with one voice, and to protect the ability of Board members to speak publicly on matters unrelated to their service on the Board. Care in messaging is critical because of the confidential and sensitive nature of the Board's work.

**Scope**

The following policies and procedures govern members of the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board. Board members are also governed by Minnesota Rule of Lawyers Professional Responsibility 20.

The requirements of these policies and procedures apply to all media outlets and representatives, regardless of platform, affiliation, or relationship to the Board member.

**Policies and Procedures for Media Relations**

- Other than as described below, no Board member may provide information to a media member about an attorney-discipline matter, Board service, or similar topic without prior written permission of the Board Chair or the Chair's designee.
- Any Board member who receives an inquiry from a media member regarding an attorney-discipline matter, Board service, or similar topic must initially decline to comment, on or off the record or on background. The Board member may inform the media member that someone will get back to them.
- Any Board member other than the Chair must refer all media inquiries, in writing, to the Board Chair or the Chair's designee within 48 hours or as soon as practicable.
- The Board Chair must refer all media inquiries, in writing, to the Board's Executive Committee within 48 hours or as soon as practicable for discussion.
- The Board Chair may not provide information to a media member about an attorney-discipline matter, Board service, or similar topic without first consulting with the Board's Executive Committee about the potential media interaction.

Dated: April 28, 2023

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*/s/ Benjamin J. Butler*

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Chair