

STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
AMENDMENT TO THE  
MAINE BAR RULES

**2018 Me. Rules 04**

Effective: April 23, 2018

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Bar Rules is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in the understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the Rule amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 7 of the Maine Bar Rules is amended to read as follows:

**RULE 7. FEE ARBITRATION COMMISSION**

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**(e) Arbitration Hearing.**

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(9) ~~A party may request that the Board Clerk arrange to have the hearing recorded by a certified court reporter at that party's own expense. Upon request of the Board Clerk, the party requesting that the hearing be recorded must provide a copy of the transcript, free of charge, to the Fee Arbitration Commission. The other party shall be likewise entitled to a copy of the transcript, at that other party's own expense, by arrangements made directly with the reporter. The Board shall cause all proceedings before the panel to be stenographically or electronically recorded in a form that will readily permit transcription. A hearing transcript or partial transcript may be ordered at any time by the Fee Arbitration Commission panel, the petitioner, the respondent, or the Board. When ordering a transcript, the respondent or petitioner must provide a copy of the requested transcript to the opposing party and the Board at that party's own expense.~~

## **Advisory Note – April 2018**

Rule 7(e)(9) is amended to require the Board to ensure that all hearings before a panel of the Fee Arbitration Commission are recorded.

Dated: April 23, 2018

FOR THE COURT,\*

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LEIGH I. SAUFLEY  
Chief Justice

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\* This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.