

1 **Rule 11-511. Screening panel composition; responsibilities.**

2 (a) **Screening panel composition.** The Committee members, except for the Committee
3 chair and vice chairs, ~~are divided into four~~ will participate in screening panel hearings as
4 assigned by the Committee chair. Each screening panel shall be comprised of ~~a minimum~~
5 ~~of five members, including~~ four Lawyers and one public member. ~~Screening panels may~~
6 ~~have more than five members, including up to two public members and up to five lawyer~~
7 ~~members, but no more than four lawyer members and one public member will participate~~
8 ~~in any screening panel hearing.~~ Whenever a screening panel is assigned a Complaint
9 involving a licensed paralegal practitioner, the Committee chair may, as practical, assign
10 up to two Committee members who are licensed paralegal practitioners to the screening
11 panel.

12 (b) **Screening panel number.** All screening panel hearings must have five panel members
13 present, including a panel chair or vice chair and a public member.

14 (c) **Chair and vice chair.** The Supreme Court will name ~~four~~ a panel chairs and four panel
15 vice chairs ~~for each screening panel~~. The chair or, in the chair's absence, vice chair
16 presides over screening panel hearings. The panel chair may call upon the vice chair to
17 assist in any of the panel chair's duties. ~~Chairs or vice chairs from other panels may~~
18 ~~conduct hearings if the regular chair and vice chair are unable to attend.~~ If ~~the~~ a chair is
19 removed or resigns, ~~the~~ a vice chair will become ~~the~~ a chair, and the Court will appoint a
20 Committee member to serve as a vice chair.

21 (d) **Voting.** A majority vote of those members present and voting at any screening panel
22 hearing is required for a determination.

23 (e) **Meetings.** ~~Each screening panel meets as necessary to effectively and promptly carry~~
24 ~~out its duties.~~ The Committee chair may convene the ~~entire~~ Committee at such ~~other~~
25 times as necessary to effectively and promptly carry out the Committee's duties.

~~(f) **Alternates.** Members of any screening panel may serve as alternate members on different screening panels. The Committee chair and the Committee vice chairs may serve as alternate members on all screening panels.~~

(g) Responsibilities.

(1) ~~Complaints are randomly assigned to a screening panel.~~ The screening panels review and hear all Complaints charging that a Lawyer engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct, and may consider any other relevant information. Screening panels determine the action to be taken on any Complaint that, in applying these rules to the facts of the case, is most consistent with the public interest and the Rules of Professional Conduct or Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in this article, whenever the OPC may be present before a screening panel during a hearing, the Respondent may also be present.