



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

March 6, 2024

Alice Mine  
Rulemaking Coordinator, North Carolina State Bar  
**Sent via email only: [amine@ncbar.gov](mailto:amine@ncbar.gov)**

Re: Rule Filing Submitted March 5, 2024

Dear Ms. Mine:

Rules promulgated by the State Bar are required to be published in the North Carolina Administrative Code.<sup>1</sup> The State Bar has a unique rulemaking process whereby rules adopted by the State Bar Council must be certified to the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and entered upon the Supreme Court's minutes.<sup>2</sup> G.S. 150B-21.21(a) further requires: "The State Bar must submit a rule within 30 days after it is entered in the minutes of the Supreme Court."

On March 5, 2024, the North Carolina State Bar filed seven rule amendments and two rule adoptions for entry into the North Carolina Administrative Code. At my request, the State Bar updated its filing the following day to show the rules were entered upon the minutes of the Supreme Court on June 15, 2022.

This filing was submitted nearly two years after the rules were entered upon the Supreme Court's minutes, far exceeding the 30-day timeframe set in statute. The State Bar's filing provides no reason for the delay, nor does it point to any statutory authority allowing me to enter these rules into the Code outside the 30-day mandate. Absent such authority, I will not be able to process this filing.

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<sup>1</sup> G.S. §§ 84-21(b); 150B-21.21(a).

<sup>2</sup> G.S. § 84-21(b).

**Donald Robert van der Vaart**, Director  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Ashley Snyder  
Codifier of Rules

Attachment

Cc: The Honorable Amy Galey  
The Honorable Sarah Stevens  
Grant Buckner, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Liza Starnes, Deputy Counsel, North Carolina State Bar