ALABAMA

SHADED AREAS CONFIDENTIAL

INTAKE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ALL ATTORNEYS / ANY FORM

OPEN FORMAL COMPLAINT FILE

FILE ASSIGNED TO OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATOR OR TO LOCAL GRIEVANCE COMITTEE INVESTIGATOR

8 LOCAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES

DISMISSAL BY OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

COMPLAINANT MAY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION

NO FURTHER APPEAL

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION TO DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

4 MEMBERS ALL ATTORNEYS

NO PROBABLE CAUSE DISMISSAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PRIVATE REPRIMAND

NOT PUBLISHED

FORMAL CHARGES TO BE DRAFTED BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITH GENERAL PUBLICATION READ IN OPEN SESSION / AD IN ALABAMA LAWYER & LOCAL NEWSPAPER

PUBLIC REPRIMAND W/O GENERAL PUBLICATION READ IN OPEN SESSION / AD IN ALABAMA LAWYER

INTERIM SUSPENSION

HEARING BEFORE DISCIPLINARY BOARD WITHIN 7 DAYS

REQUEST RECONSIDERATION UPON SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

SECOND REVIEW BY DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

HEARING BEFORE DISCIPLINARY BOARD PANEL

BOARD CAN IMPOSE PRIVATE REPRIMAND TO DISBARMENT

3 DISCIPLINARY BOARD PANELS PANEL CONSIST OF 3 LAWYERS 1 NONLAWYER, & 1 HEARING OFFICER

APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

FINAL DECISION PUBLIC UPON PUBLICATION

GENERAL COUNSEL
3 ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL
3 INVESTIGATOR/PARALEGAL
5 SUPPORT STAFF
17,300 ATTORNEYS ADMITTED
1,600 COMPLAINTS