

Petition to Establish a Procedure for Enforcement of Supreme Court Disciplinary Orders
Appendix A
(Creation of Supreme Court Rule 22.18m)

SCR 22.18m Enforcement of disciplinary orders.

(1) The director, or a special investigator acting under SCR 22.25, may seek enforcement of a disciplinary order of the supreme court by filing a motion for contempt or enforcement. The motion shall identify the disciplinary order of the supreme court, describe the reasons for seeking enforcement, and state the relief requested.

(2) Upon receipt of the motion filed under sub. (1), the supreme court shall order the attorney to show cause why the relief requested in the motion should not be granted. The attorney shall file with the supreme court a written response to the order and serve a copy of the response on the director, or special investigator, within the time set forth in the order. The director, or special investigator, may file a memorandum in reply to the response of the attorney.

(3) The supreme court may decide the motion upon the submissions of the parties, or may refer the matter to a referee, who shall conduct a hearing and file a report with the supreme court containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation for disposition of the motion. Unless otherwise directed by the supreme court, the referee shall follow the procedures in SCR 22.15 and SCR 22.16.

(4) Upon the submissions of the parties, or upon receipt of the report of the referee, the supreme court shall decide the motion, and may either deny or dismiss the motion, or issue such orders as are necessary to enforce the disciplinary order, including the imposition of sanctions identified in SCR 21.16(1m). The supreme court may assess the costs of the enforcement proceeding against the attorney.

(5) Nothing in this rule shall limit the authority of the director, or a special investigator, to initiate an investigation or proceeding for misconduct or medical incapacity under these rules; or shall limit the constitutional, statutory, or inherent authority of the supreme court.