

(DIRECTIVE)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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### CHIEF JUSTICE DIRECTIVE—NUMBER 3

By the authority vested in me as Chief Justice of the United States of America by the Efficient Function and General Duties Act of 2016, including the power to broadly provide for the “orderly administration of justice”,

I, CHIEF JUSTICE KOTWARRIOR, find that it is necessary to ensuring the timely and fair administration of justice that the quality of available legal services be adequately regulated. Accordingly, I hereby order as follows:

**Section 1.** Revising the Composition of the Board of Law Examiners. Section 1 of *Chief Justice Directive No. 2* is amended—

(1) By striking subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) in full and inserting in their place:

“(a) The Board of Law Examiners shall have nine members. Three shall be sitting judges and six shall be attorneys. Each shall be designated by the Chief Justice and shall serve indefinitely.”

“(b) Whenever a vacancy occurs within the Board, the Chief Justice, under the advice of the Board’s President, shall designate a replacement. A member of the Board may be expelled only by the agreement of two-thirds of the Board’s total members.”

“(c) The Board shall be led by a President, elected by and from its members. The member serving on the board longest, excluding the President, is the senior member, and will act as President in his absence.”

“(d) A majority of the Board’s members may vote to remove the President from that capacity. With good cause, the

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President may require the recusal of any member of the Board from a vote, unless that vote is for his removal as President.”

**Sec. 2.** Rules of Procedure and Implementation. The Board of Law Examiners shall determine its own rules and shall have full authority to implement both this directive and *Chief Justice Directive No. 2*. This authority includes the power to establish committees, subcommittees and to authorize them to perform certain functions of the Board.

**Sec. 3.** Effective Date. This directive takes effect immediately, and will continue to be effective unless Congress directs otherwise within ten days of receiving notice.

MANDATORY REPORT—CONGRESS & THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to section 3 of the Efficient Function and General Duties Act of 2016, I am writing to inform you that I have taken action under the authority of the same.

1. I have restructured the Board of Law Examiners, which I established in a previous directive, *Chief Justice Directive No. 2*, to remedy the inaction by the previous Board.

2. The previous Board neglected to perform its duties under *Chief Justice Directive No. 2*, and so I have determined that a change in its composition was necessary.

3. I am obligated under the EFGDA to “see that the business of the several courts ... is attended to with proper dispatch” and “with regard to general liberties.” I have concluded that ensuring the effectiveness of legal counsel is inherent in those duties, and have acted accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Clara Andrea Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.