

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENTS TO THE MAINE BAR RULES
(IOLTA PROGRAM)

The Interest on Lawyer's Trust Account (IOLTA) program, as amended and made mandatory by changes to the Maine Bar Rules adopted by the Court on September 21, 2007, has been scheduled to take effect January 1, 2008. In preparation for supervision of implementation of this program, the Board of Overseers of the Bar has identified for the Court some areas of ambiguity in the definitions of covered fees addressed in amended Bar Rules 3.6(e)(1) and 6(a)(2)(B)(6). Clarification of these ambiguities will be important, prior to the effective date of the program, to assure proper accounting of retainers and fees in relation to IOLTA accounts. To allow time for the Court and the Board of Overseers of the Bar to clarify these issues, the Court has unanimously concluded that the interests of justice will be served by deferring implementation of the IOLTA program amendments until April 1, 2008.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that the effective date for the Amendments to the Maine Bar Rules adopted on September 21, 2007 is changed to April 1, 2008. A copy of those Maine Bar Rule Amendments, with the effective date changed to April 1, 2008 is attached and is incorporated by reference herein.

Dated: December 12, 2007

FOR THE COURT

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Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice