



SENATE BILL 560: Disciplining Judges-State Bar.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 560 would authorize the State Bar Council to investigate and resolve inquiries concerning the qualification and conduct of judges and justices in the General Court of Justice.*

CURRENT LAW AND ANALYSIS:

Article 30 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes governs the investigation and resolution of inquiries concerning the qualification and conduct of judges and justices in the General Court of Justice by the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission (Commission). The General Court of Justice consist of the appellate division, superior court division and district court division. G.S. 7A-374.1 et seq.

Senate Bill 560 would clarify that the Commission may not review complaints or conduct investigations based substantially upon the a legal ruling by a judge, unless the legal ruling has been reviewed by an appellate court.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to complaints or investigations pending on or after that date.

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