

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 3: JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**§ 3503. Advisory Commission on Judiciary: Duties.**

The commission shall have the powers and duties as provided in the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition, the commission shall assist the judiciary in preparing:

- (a) Rules and regulations regarding admission to practice before the Commonwealth Superior Court;
- (b) Rules and regulations regarding the discipline of those admitted to practice before the Commonwealth Superior Court; and
- (c) A code of ethical conduct for judges and lawyers.

**Source:** N.M.I. Const. art. IV; PL 1-5, ch. 5, § 3, modified; amended by PL 6-25, § 4.

**Commission Comment:** See N.M.I. Const. art. IV, which contains the new constitutional provisions concerning the Commonwealth Judiciary enacted by House Legislative Initiative 10-3, HS1, HD1 (1997) (the full text of this House Legislative Initiative can be found on the Law Revision Commission's website at <http://cnmilaw.org>).

The former N.M.I. Const. art. IV, § 6, provided, in part: "Upon recommendation of the advisory Commission, the governor may remove, suspend or otherwise sanction a judge for illegal or improper conduct."

Concerning the rules specified in subsections (a)-(c), see the Rules of Admission of the Commonwealth Supreme Court, the Commonwealth Disciplinary Rules and Procedure, and the Code of Judicial Conduct for the Commonwealth Judiciary and Procedure for Filing Grievances Involving Members of the Judiciary.