

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR DISMISSALS AND TIME LIMITS FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

I. Dismissals

- a. A complainant may voluntarily dismiss a complaint to the Judicial Council anytime prior to the respondent filing a response. The Judicial Council shall dismiss the complaint without prejudice.
- b. A complainant may voluntarily dismiss a complaint to the Judicial Council anytime after the respondent files a response to the Complaint. The Judicial Council has the discretion to grant the dismissal of the complaint with prejudice or without prejudice.
- c. The Judicial Council may dismiss a complaint at anytime for complainant's failure to adhere to the policies and procedures of the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council may dismiss the complaint with prejudice or without prejudice.
- d. A dismissal with prejudice shall have the effect of an absolute dismissal barring any further action as to the dismissed claim(s) against the respondent.
- e. A dismissal without prejudice shall not constitute a bar to another complaint on the same action.

II. Time Limits for Filing Complaints

- a. Any complaint falling within the original jurisdiction of the Judicial Council as enumerated in the bylaws shall be brought within six months from the date of the alleged act forming the basis of the complaint. A complaint brought six months or later from the date of the alleged act shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- b. Any complaint brought pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 5(a)(v), Section 5(a)(vi) and Section 5(a)(vii) of the bylaws shall be brought within six months from the date of the alleged act(s) forming the basis of the complaint. A complaint brought six months or later from the date of the alleged act shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- c. If a complaint is brought pursuant to the jurisdictions enumerated in II(a)-(b) above is dismissed without prejudice by the Judicial Council, any further complaint shall be filed within six months from the date of the alleged act forming the basis of the lawsuit. Any complaint brought six months or later from the date of the alleged act(s) shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- d. Any cause of action having occurred prior to the adoption of these rules and regulations and within the jurisdiction enumerated in II(a)-(b) above shall be filed within six months of the adoption of these rules. Any complaint based upon a cause of action occurring prior to the adoption of these rules and filed six months or later from the adoption of these rules shall be dismissed with prejudice.