## Rule 13. Answer to Petition for Disciplinary Action

**(a) Filing.** Within 20 days after service of the petition, the respondent shall file an answer in this Court, with proof of service. The answer may deny or admit any accusations or state any defense, privilege, or matter in mitigation.

**(b) Failure to file.** If the respondent fails to file an answer within the time provided or any extension of time this Court may grant, the petition's allegations shall be deemed admitted and this Court may proceed under Rule 15.

(Amended effective February 21, 1984; amended effective July 1, 1986; amended effective July 1, 1987; amended effective January 1, 1989; amended effective October 1, 2014.)