SUPREME COURT
No. 2020-14

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COVID-19 Pandemic Response – Indigent Defense Services

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by G.L. (1997 Reenactment) § 8-15-2 and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances that have arisen as a result, Executive Order 2013-07 is hereby amended as follows:

Court appointed attorneys shall be permitted to continue to request partial payments through June 14, 2020 in accordance with the requirements set forth in Executive Order 2020-11.

The requirement in Executive Order 2013-07 that attorneys shall submit a Court Appointment Recertification application by August 15 of each year is hereby suspended. Attorneys shall have until August 15, 2021 to file a recertification application. Attorneys are relieved of the obligation to complete the continuing legal education requirements for the 2020 recertification process. All legal education credits earned in the 2020 reporting year as well as excess credits set to expire in the 2020 reporting year may be used to satisfy legal education requirements for the 2021 recertification application.

All attorneys certified for the 2019 recertification year will be automatically certified for the 2020 recertification year. The general requirements for court appointment panels shall continue to be in effect.

Entered as an Executive Order of this Court this 3rd day of June 2020.

BY ORDER:

/s/
Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice