The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

May 21, 2020

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In re Waiver of the Self-Study Cap for Judges, Magistrates, and Attorneys in the 2019/2020 Compliance Period, and Waiver of Application Fees for COVID-19 Related Continuing Legal Education Programs

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D and declared a state of emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Court issued the order nunc pro tunc entitled "Tolling of Time Requirements Imposed by Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court and Use of Technology," which immediately tolled all time requirements imposed by rules promulgated by the Court set to expire between March 9, 2020, and the expiration of Executive Order 2020-01D or July 30, 2020, whichever is sooner;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. X(4) and Gov.Jud.R. IV(4) dictate that judges, magistrates, and attorneys with the last name begins with the letters M through Z shall complete the required number of continuing legal education ("CLE") on or before December 31 of each even-numbered year;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. X(5)(E)(1) and (2), Appendix I, Reg. 409.2, and Gov.Jud.R. IV(5)(E) dictate that CLE credit for judges, magistrates, and attorneys is

capped at 12 hours of self-study activities and 24 hours of live-interactive webinars per biennial-compliance period;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. Appendix I, Regs. 405(A) and 409.1(B) dictate an application fee for live and self-study CLE activities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders the following:

(A) In light of the COVID-19 pandemic causing the cancellation of live, in-person CLE and for vital safety and logistical considerations concerning CLE, the self-study caps are waived for judges, magistrates, and attorneys with last names beginning with M through Z for the 2019-2020 compliance period ending December 31, 2020.

(B) The $25 application filing fee established by Gov.Bar R. X, Appendix I, Regs. 405(A) and 409.1(B) shall be waived for all CLE programs that address the COVID-19 pandemic.