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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

In re 2021 Mandatory Continuing Legal Education For Nebraska Attorneys.	))))	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

The Nebraska Supreme Court continues to carefully monitor the evolving circumstances presented by the spread of the COVID-19 disease. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court under Neb. Const. art. V, § 1, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 7-102, and Neb. Ct. R. § 3-100 et seq., the following administrative order is entered for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, conditions in the State of Nebraska have changed regarding COVID-19 positive case numbers, and with the future trajectory of COVID-19 positive cases unknown at this time, in-person education may be deemed unsafe or inadvisable for the near future; thus, changes to the approved methods of receiving Mandatory Continuing Legal Education are warranted;

WHEREAS, many educational programs have been made available to attorneys in a remote or live-streamed manner;

WHEREAS, under Neb. Ct. R. 3-401.8(A), only five (5) hours of computer-based legal education may be obtained in one year;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Supreme Court has approved waiving the requirements for in-person continuing legal education for 2021 to allow attorneys to obtain all required education in a computer-based and remote fashion;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the requirements of Neb. Ct. R. § 3-401.8(A) limiting computer-based education to five (5) hours per year are waived for the 2021 calendar year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

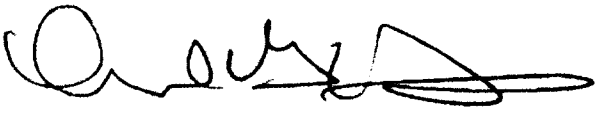
1) The Attorney Services Division shall inform all Nebraska attorneys subject to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education of the change in requirements for legal education for the 2021 calendar year;

2) The Director of the Attorney Services Division shall approve all computer-based legal education that otherwise complies with Neb. Ct. R. § 3-401.1 et seq. for the full ten (10) hours for the 2021 calendar year;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the requests of the Nebraska State Bar Association and Omaha Bar Association to waive the provision of § 3-401.4(C) allowing only legal education hours obtained in a setting in which the presenter is present with the attendees to carry over to the next reporting period is hereby denied.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican