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In light of the extreme economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to its rule-making authority, issues the following ORDER to clarify **Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.8(e)** (/supreme-judicial-court-rules/rules-of-professional-conduct-rule-18-conflict-of-interest-current):

When a non-profit organization that provides free legal and other services to indigent clients has received donations or other funding to provide humanitarian aid to persons in need, such as financial assistance to pay for food, clothing, shelter, or transportation, the organization's use of such donations or other funding to provide humanitarian aid to its clients, or the clients' families, shall not be deemed a violation of Rule 1.8(e) of the Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

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