SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

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The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN RE: STATE BAR RULE 8-106 (B) and 8-107 (A).

State Bar Rule 8-104 (A) provides, subject to certain exemptions, that "[e]ach active member [of the State Bar] shall complete a minimum of twelve hours of actual instruction in an approved continuing legal education activity during each year." State Bar Rule 8-106 (B) Regulations (8) (e) and (15) allow lawyers to earn up to six hours of credit through certain self-study, in-house, or distance-learning continuing legal education activities, but the remaining six hours must be earned by personal attendance at an approved continuing legal education program. State Bar Rule 8-107 (A) provides an automatic grace period until March 31 of the succeeding year to make up any deficiency.

Given that the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in the cancellation of many in-person continuing legal education programs and that Georgia lawyers, therefore, have limited access to programs at which they may fulfill the requirement of personal attendance at such programs, the Court, in consultation with the State Bar president, temporarily suspends State Bar Rule 8-106 (B) Regulations (8) (e) and (15) to the extent that those Regulations limit lawyers to six hours of credit through self-study, in-house, or distance-learning continuing legal education activities. Further, the Court temporarily extends the grace period provided in State Bar Rule 8-107 (A) (1).

Effective immediately and continuing through May 31, 2021, lawyers may earn all or any portion of the required twelve hours through

self-study, in-house, or distance-learning continuing legal education activities under Regulations 8 (e) and (15), so long as those activities otherwise satisfy the requirements of those Regulations. This temporary, partial suspension of Regulations 8 (e) and (15) shall apply to continuing legal education activities completed on or before the extended grace period of May 31, 2021.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

, Clerk