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)

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 (12) hours of actual instruction in an approved continuing legal education activity during each year." Regulations (8) (e) and (15) to State Bar Rule 8-106 (B) 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. Considering 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, and in consultation with the president of the State Bar, the Court temporarily suspends Regulations 8 (e) and (15) to State Bar Rule 8-106 (B) 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. Effective immediately, and continuing through March 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 self-study, in-house, and distance-learning continuing legal education activities completed on or before March 31, 2021.

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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