The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

October 16, 2020

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In re Waiver of the Self-Study Cap for Judges, Magistrates, and Attorneys in the 2020/2021 Continuing-Legal-Education ("CLE") Compliance Period

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, Gov.Bar R. X(4) and Gov.Jud.R. IV(4) dictate that judges, magistrates, and attorneys whose last names begin with the letters A through L shall complete the required number of continuing-legal-education ("CLE") hours on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. X(5)(E)(1), (5)(E)(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;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders the following:

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 A through L for the 2020-2021 compliance period ending December 31, 2021.