Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC20-65

IN RE: EXTENSION OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 3.112

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the Florida State Court System continues to monitor and take measures to address the effects on court operations of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, and the Surgeon General and State Health Officer has declared a public health emergency exists; and

WHEREAS rules 3.112(f)(7), 3.112(g)(2)(E), and 3.112(h)(6), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, establish certain continuing legal education requirements for attorneys representing defendants in capital cases; and

WHEREAS some education programs on capital defense are being cancelled or deferred due to the pandemic, which may delay attorneys in fully complying

with the continuing legal education requirements specified in the above-referenced rules;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by article V, section 2(b), of the Florida Constitution, and Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.205(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 2.205(a)(2)(B)(v),

IT IS ORDERED that the continuing legal education requirements imposed by rules 3.112(f)(7), 3.112(g)(2)(E), and 3.112(h)(6), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, are suspended from the date this order is signed through December 31, 2021. All other provisions of Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112, Minimum Standards for Attorneys in Capital Cases, remain in place and are not suspended by this administrative order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 16, 2020.

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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

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ATTEST:

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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