

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



CAUSE NUMBER: 94S00-1602-MS-86

ORDER AMENDING INDIANA RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR
AND THE DISCIPLINE OF ATTORNEYS

Under the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution providing for the admission and discipline of attorneys in this state, Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Rule 28 Section 3(a) and (b); and Rule 29 Section 3(a); and Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and Mandatory Judicial Education Guidelines Section 3(b)(5) are amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

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Rule 28. Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education

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SECTION 3. Education Requirments.

- (a) Every State Level Judicial Officer shall complete no less than fifteen (15) hours of Approved Courses each year and shall complete no less than fifty-four (54) hours of Approved Courses each Judicial Officer Educational Period as defined in Section 2(k). At least five (5) hours of Approved Courses in Professional Responsibility, either as a free standing program or integrated as part of a substantive program, shall be included within the hours of continuing education required during each three (3) year Judicial Officer Educational Period. No more than eighteen (18) hours of the Judicial Officer Educational Period requirement shall be filled by Non Legal Subject Matter Courses. No more than ~~nine (9)~~twelve (12) hours of the Judicial Officer Educational Period requirement shall be filled through interactive Distance Education. All credits for a single educational activity will be applied in one (1) calendar year.
- (b) Any judge not covered by (a) shall complete no less than six (6) hours of Approved Courses each year and shall complete no less than thirty-six (36) hours of Approved Courses each Educational Period as defined in Section 2(h). At least three (3) hours of Approved Courses in Professional Responsibility, either as a free standing

program or integrated as part of a substantive program, shall be included within the hours of continuing education required during each three (3) year Educational Period. No more than twelve (12) hours of the Educational Period requirement shall be filled by Non Legal Subject Matter Courses. No more than ~~six (6)~~nine (9) hours of the Educational Period requirement shall be filled through interactive Distance Education. No more than three (3) hours of the Educational Period Requirement shall be filled through in-house education programs in accordance with the Guidelines. All credits for a single educational activity will be applied in one (1) calendar year.

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Rule 29. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

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SECTION 3. Education Requirements.

- (a) Every Attorney, except as provided below, shall complete no less than six (6) hours of Approved Courses each year and shall complete no less than thirty-six (36) hours of Approved Courses each Educational Period. At least three (3) hours of Approved Courses in professional responsibility shall be included within the hours of continuing legal education required during each three year Educational Period. Such hours may be integrated as part of a substantive program or as a free standing program. No more than twelve (12) hours of the Educational Period requirement shall be filled by Non Legal Subject Matter Courses. No more than ~~six (6)~~nine (9) hours of the Educational Period requirement shall be filled through interactive Distance Education. No more than three (3) hours of the Educational Period requirement shall be filled through in-house education programs in accordance with the Guidelines. All credits for a single educational activity will be applied in one (1) calendar year.

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MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND MANDATORY JUDICIAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

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SECTION 3. ACCREDITATION POLICIES.

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- (b) **Approval of Other Educational Activities.**

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- (5) *Distance education courses.* Limited credit may be given for courses taken through distance education methods. Subject to the ~~six (6)~~nine (9) hour

limitation found in Rule 28, Section 3(b) and Rule 29, Section 3(a) and the ~~nine (9)~~twelve (12) hour limitation found in Rule 28, Section 3(a), an Attorney or Judge may receive CLE or CJE through interactive distance education during an educational period. To be accredited, the Attorney, Judge or Sponsor must apply for accreditation at least 30 days before the course is presented using an Application for Accreditation. Additionally, the Sponsor, Attorney or Judge must demonstrate the facts set forth in paragraph 6 below.

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These amendments shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 2/15/2016.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

A majority of Justices concur.