# In the Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 22S-MS-1



# Order Amending Admission and Discipline Rules 28 and 29

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedures employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts in this state, we hereby **VACATE** the orders issued on March 31, 2020, and September 23, 2020, under Case No. 20S-MS-239. And by a majority of the Court, the Rules for Admission to the Bar and Discipline of Attorneys are **AMENDED** as follows (deletions shown by striking and new text shown by underlining):

# Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys

## Rule 28. Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education

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# SECTION 3. EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

- (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 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 eighteen (18) 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 eighteen (18) 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 inhouse 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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- (2) Subject to the 12-hour limitation set forth in Rule 28, Section 3(b) and Rule 29, Section 3(a) and the 18-hour limitation set forth in Rule 28, Section 3(a), credit may also be given for Non Legal Subject Matter (NLS) Courses.
  - (i) *Sponsor Applications for NLS Course Approval.* A sponsor may apply for and receive accreditation of an NLS course. An NLS course may be approved without reference to Section 3(a)(1) of these guidelines. The following is a non-exclusive list of courses that may be accredited under this section:

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- (B) *Medicine*. Orthopaedics or Anatomy for Lawyers.
- (C) Accounting for Lawyers.
- (D) Teaching Administration Skills for Law School Teachers.
- (E) Wellness Courses specifically targeted to Attorneys and Judges.

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(3) Professional Responsibility Credit shall be given when a topic has professional responsibility, <del>or</del> ethics, wellness or diversity, equity, and inclusion as its main focus, and the course has at least one-half (1/2) hour of professional responsibility, ethics, wellness or diversity, equity, and inclusion content.

This amendment is effective as of the date of this order.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on \_\_\_\_\_6/6/2022

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Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana