

In the  
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 18S-MS-141



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 are amended to read as follows (deletions shown by striking and new text shown by underlining):

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**Admission and Discipline Rule 28**

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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 ~~nine (9) 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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## Admission and Discipline Rule 29

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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 ~~nine (9)~~ 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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## Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and Mandatory Judicial Education Guidelines

### 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 ~~nine (9)~~ eighteen (18) hour limitation found in Rule 28, Section 3(b) and Rule 29, Section 3(a) and the 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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- (d) **Procedure for Attorneys and Judges.** Except for ~~distance education and~~ in-house courses, an Attorney or Judge may apply for credit of a course either before or after the date on which it is offered. Application for accreditation of a ~~n~~ distance education ~~course or~~ in-house course must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the Course. The application must:

- (1) include the nonrefundable application fee in order for the application to be reviewed by the Commission. Courses presented by non-profit sponsors which do not require a registration fee are eligible for an application fee waiver.

Either the provider or the attendee must pay all application and late fees before an Attorney may receive credit.

Fees may be waived in the discretion of the Commission upon a showing of good cause;

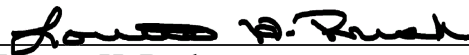
- (2) contain the information required by and be in the form set forth in the application approved by the Commission and available upon request;
- (3) be accompanied by the written course outline and brochure used by the Sponsor to furnish information about the course to Attorneys or Judges; and
- (4) be accompanied by an affidavit of the Attorney or Judge attesting that the Attorney or Judge attended the course together with a certification of the course Sponsor as to the Attorney's or Judge's attendance. If the application for course approval is made before attendance, this affidavit and certification requirement shall be fulfilled within thirty (30) days after course attendance. Attendance reports received more than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of a course must include a late processing fee.

Course applications received more than one-year after a course is presented may be denied as untimely.

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This amendment shall take effect upon January 1, 2019.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 10/9/2018.



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Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.