

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on January 28, 2021, the following order was made and entered:

IN RE: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF ONLINE CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
 CREDIT LIMITATION
 No. 20-Rules-02

ORDER

On December 18, 2020, the West Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) Commission filed a written request to continue to temporarily waive the current CLE rules and regulations which limit the total CLE credit for video, audio, correspondence, telephone seminars, computer-based training courses, and in-house instruction to 12 credits, (referred to in this order as “the 12-credit limitation”) or half of the mandatory continuing legal education requirements during the current reporting period ending on June 30, 2022. By order entered in this Court on March 12, 2020, a temporary waiver of the 12-credit limitation imposed by the CLE rules and regulations was waived for the 2018-2020 reporting period.

Due to continued concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus and considering guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the members of the CLE Commission are in agreement that for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 reporting period, attorneys should be able to earn all or any portion of the required 24 CLE credit minimum through video, audio, correspondence, telephone seminars, computer-based training courses, and in-house instruction, so long as the courses otherwise satisfy the requirements of the CLE rules and regulations and are approved for CLE credit in West Virginia.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does approve a temporary waiver of the 12-credit imitation imposed by CLE rules and regulations. It is therefore ordered that the 12-credit limitation imposed by the CLE rules and regulations is temporarily waived for the 2020-2022 reporting period that ends on June 30, 2022 only, and attorneys may earn all or any portion of the required 24 CLE credits through video, audio, correspondence, telephone seminars,

computer-based training courses, or in-house instruction, so long as the courses otherwise satisfy the requirements of the CLE rules and regulations and are approved for CLE credit in the State of West Virginia.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

