

Supreme Court of Kentucky

IN RE:
ORDER AMENDING
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT (SCR)

2015-23

The following rules' effective January 1, 2016 are amended and shall read as follows:

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT (SCR)

I. **SCR 3.640(8) New Lawyer Program Requirement**

Section (8) of SCR 3.640(8) shall read:

(8) The time for completion and certification set forth in paragraphs (1) and (6) of this Rule may, upon written application to and approval by the Commission or its designee, be extended. Written application for an extension under this paragraph must be received by the Commission no later than 30 days after the member's deadline to complete the Program as set forth in paragraph (1) of this Rule. All applications must be signed by the member. The Commission may approve extensions for completing the Program under the following circumstances:

(a) Where the member demonstrates hardship or other good cause clearly warranting relief. Requests for relief under this subsection must set forth all circumstances upon which the request is based, including supporting documentation. In these circumstances, the member shall complete the requirement set forth in paragraphs (1) and (6) as soon as reasonably practicable as determined by the Commission or its designee; or

(b) Where the member fails to demonstrate hardship or other good cause clearly warranting relief, the member must pay a fee of \$250.00 and complete the requirement set forth in paragraphs (1) and (6) at the next regularly scheduled New Lawyer Program.

II. **SCR 3.645(1) and (2) Continuing legal education requirements: compliance and certification**

Sections (1) and (2) to SCR 3.645 shall read:

(1) Each educational year, as defined by SCR 3.600(7), every person licensed to practice law in this Commonwealth, not specifically exempted pursuant to the provisions of SCR 3.665, shall complete and certify a minimum of 12 credit hours in continuing legal education activities approved by the Commission, including a minimum of 2 credit hours devoted to "ethics, professional responsibility and professionalism" as defined by SCR 3.600(8). All continuing legal education activities must be completed by June 30 of each

educational year.

(a) Integration of legal ethics, professional responsibility and professionalism issues into substantive law topics is encouraged, but will not count toward the 2 credit minimum annual requirement.

(b) It is the obligation of the attorney seeking credit to ensure the activity has been approved. Completion of a non-accredited activity shall be at the risk of the attorney.

(2) Certification of completion of approved CLE activities must be received by the Director for CLE no later than August 10th immediately following the educational year in which the activity is completed.

(a) Certification shall be submitted to the Director for CLE by the sponsor of the accredited activity or by individual attorneys on approved KBA forms, uniform certificates, or other format adopted by the Commission.

(b) Any certification submitted after the August 10th deadline shall be deemed past due. All past due reports shall be accompanied by a late filing fee of \$50.00 per certificate to cover the administrative costs of recording credits to the prior year. All past due reports must be received by the Commission with the late fee no later than the close of the educational year (June 30th) immediately following the year during which the activity was completed. This deadline will not apply in instances where the member or former member is in the process of removing an exemption per SCR 3.665 (2) or attempting certification per SCR 3.685.

(c) Sponsors submitting certifications to the Director for CLE shall comply with all requirements set forth in SCR 3.660(5)

All sitting. All concur.

ENTERED: November 18, 2015.


CHIEF JUSTICE