

# Supreme Court of Kentucky

2021-35

## ORDER

**IN RE: Amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court**

The following Supreme Court Rules shall be effective October 1, 2021:

### **VIII. Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education for the Kentucky Judiciary**

#### **SCR 8.070 Continuing judicial education requirements**

##### **SCR 8.070 shall read:**

(a) Every appellate judge and justice and every trial judge, not exempted, shall attend a minimum of 24 hours in continuing judicial education courses approved by the Judicial Education Commission each educational biennium. Credit hours may be earned by attending a live or recorded accredited program.

(b) At least once every 2 years, a portion of the continuing judicial education provided for judges by the Administrative Office of the Courts shall consist of programs which focus on the dynamics and effects of domestic violence including the availability of community resources, victims' services and reporting requirements. The minimum hours of judicial education credits need not include domestic violence program credits.

(c) An educational biennium shall begin on July 1 and end 2 years later on June 30 of each even-numbered year.

(d) A justice, appellate judge or trial judge who earns an excess over the 24-credit requirement may carry forward the excess credits into the next biennium for the purpose of satisfying the minimum requirement for those years. Carry-forward credits are limited to a total of 48 credit hours.

#### **SCR 8.100 Reporting**

##### **SCR 8.100 shall read:**

Every justice, appellate judge and trial judge, not exempted, shall certify in writing on forms provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, no later

than July 31 following the close of the educational biennium, that the minimum continuing judicial education requirements have been met. Justices and judges shall submit certification to the Executive Secretary in the manner and form prescribed by regulations of the Commission.

The truth and accuracy of the certification shall be the individual responsibility of the certifying judge. Intentional filing of a false report shall be a basis for disciplinary action and the Commission Chair shall forthwith, in writing, report the judge's name to the Chief Justice.

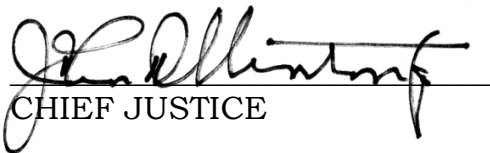
Each June 1 of even-numbered years, the Executive Secretary will notify each appellate judge, justice and trial judge of the filing deadline.

**SCR 8.120 Expenses**

**SCR 8.120 shall read:**

Justices, appellate judges and trial judges attending judicial education programs sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts shall be reimbursed for their expenses in accordance with Court of Justice Travel Regulations. Expenses for attendance at any other education program shall be borne by the judge unless prior approval is obtained from the Director of the Administrative Office of the Court by the manager of the Judicial Branch Education.

Entered this 22nd day of September 2021.

  
CHIEF JUSTICE

All sitting; all concur.