

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on March 12, 2020, the following order was made and entered:

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

ORDER

On March 10, 2020, the West Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) Commission filed a written request for a temporary waiver of 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, or half of the mandatory continuing legal education requirements. Due to 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 effective immediately, and continuing through June 30, 2020, 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 hereby approve a temporary waiver of the 12 credit CLE limitation imposed by CLE rules and regulations given that the deadline for lawyers to complete the CLE requirements for this reporting period is June 30, 2020. It is therefore ordered that the 12 credit limitation imposed by the CLE rules and regulations is hereby temporarily waived for the 2018-2020 reporting period 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

