

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 22, 2021

[Cite as *09/22/2021 Administrative Actions, 2021-Ohio-3324.*]

In re Waiver of the Self-Study Cap for Judges, Magistrates, and Attorneys in the 2021/2022 Continuing-Legal-Education (“CLE”) Compliance Period

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a global “pandemic” requiring “urgent and aggressive action” to control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, the President of the United States continued the National Emergency concerning COVID-19 for one year;

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted the Delta variant of COVID-19 has demonstrated increased levels of transmissibility and that early evidence suggests that people who are vaccinated and become infected with the Delta variant may transmit the virus to others;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. X(4) and Gov.Jud.R. IV(4) dictate that judges, magistrates and attorneys whose last names begin with the letters M through Z shall complete the required number of CLE hours on or before December 31 of each even-numbered year;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. X(5)(E)(1), (5)(E)(2), Appendix I, Reg. 409.2, and Gov.Jud.R. IV(5)(E) dictate that CLE credit for judges, magistrates, and attorneys is capped at 12 hours of self-study activities and 24 hours of live-interactive webinars per biennial compliance period;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders the following:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic causing the cancelation of live, in-person CLE and for vital safety and logistical considerations concerning CLE, the self-study caps are waived for judges, magistrates, and attorneys with last names beginning with M through Z for the 2021-2022 compliance period ending December 31, 2022.