

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
JANUARY TERM, 2022**

Order Promulgating Amendment to Administrative Order No. 49

Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, § 30 and Administrative Order No. 48, it is hereby ordered:

1. That ¶ 15(f) of Administrative Order No. 49 be amended to read as follows (new matter underlined):

15. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Governed by Supreme Court Rules:

f. MCLE Rule Waivers:

For the license renewal period ending June 30, 2020, under the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rules that were in effect through June 30, 2020:

- i. The 10-hour limit on the number of self-study hours that can be claimed for a reporting period, as specified in Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rules § 5(a)(2), is suspended for the 2018-2020 reporting period.
- ii. The limits on the number of hours that can be claimed under § 5(b)(10) for a reporting period, including both the limits for specific types of activities and the 10-hour limit on the total number of hours for all such activities, are suspended for the 2018-2020 reporting period.

For the license renewal periods ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022, under the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rules as amended effective July 1, 2020:

- iii. The 6-hour limit on the number of hours for programs delivered as Non-Moderated Programming Without Interactivity that can be claimed for a reporting period, as specified in Rule 3(A)(3) of Rules of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, is suspended for the 2019-2021 and 2020-2022 reporting periods.
- iv. The 12-hour minimum number of hours for programs delivered as either Moderated Programming or Non-Moderated Programming With Interactivity as a Key Component that must be taken in a reporting period, as specified in Rule 3(A)(2), is suspended for the 2019-2021 and 2020-2022 reporting periods.
- v. The limits on the number of hours that can be claimed under all sections of Rule 6 for a reporting period are suspended for the 2019-2021 and 2020-2022 reporting periods.

Explanatory Note—January 10, 2022 Amendment

The amendment to ¶ 15(f) extends the modification of MCLE requirements for continuing legal education to the 2020-2022 reporting cycle to account for the ongoing limitations on in-person gatherings as a result of the COVID pandemic.

2. That this order is effective immediately, and extends until March 1, 2022, unless extended by order of this Court.

3. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report this order to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 1, as amended.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 10th day of January 2022.



Signed by the Vermont Supreme Court

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

William D. Cohen, Associate Justice