

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

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ORDER

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recommendations of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee to amend the Rules for Continuing Legal Education,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

**Part I.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 3.11 be and is hereby amended to read:

Credit may also be earned through formal enrollment and education in an American Bar Association accredited law school. The Committee will award six (6) hours of CLE credit for each hour of academic credit awarded by the law school.

**Part II.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 4.1(m) be and is hereby enacted to read:

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(m) Approval of CLE credit may be withheld from any Member by the MCLE Committee in the event of nonpayment of course fees for any program which offers CLE credit hours. After any event that offers CLE credit, the provider shall notify the MCLE Department by certified mail of an attorney's failure to pay, including supporting documentation of attempts to collect. The MCLE Department shall notify the Member by

certified mail, giving notice of revocation of credits unless full payment or a satisfactory substitute is received by the provider within seven days. If satisfactory compensation is not received within seven days, provider will notify the MCLE Department, who will then revoke credits for that program.

Credit will not be restored without full payment of the course and a \$50 processing fee to the Louisiana State Bar Association. If credits are revoked and a Member does not satisfy the annual requirement by the January 31 compliance reporting deadline, then a late compliance fee of \$150 will also be assessed.

In such cases where payment conditions are reasonably disputed by the Member, then such cases will not be accepted for revocation of credit.

**Part III.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 5.3.1 be and is hereby amended to read:

The submission shall include an alphabetical list of Louisiana attendees with Bar I.D. number and credit hours earned.

**Part IV.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Rule 6(c) be and is hereby amended to read:

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(c) Any Member who fails to timely comply with the requirements of these Rules and Regulations for earning hours by the December 31 deadline or for reporting compliance by the January 31 deadline shall be assessed a delinquency penalty of \$150, payable to the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Any Member, whether in regular practice or claiming an exemption, who has previously been noncompliant within the past five years will automatically incur an additional \$50 penalty for repeated noncompliance.

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**Part V.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 7.2 be and is hereby amended to read:

For all courses held within the State of Louisiana, or held out of state by a Louisiana-based sponsor, an accreditation fee of \$50 per activity shall be assessed directly to the sponsor, to be paid upon submission of the course. The fee will be levied for each date and location in which the activity is offered. The course fee shall be waived for courses that are offered free of charge to attorneys by not-for-profit organizations.

**Part VI.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 7.2.2 be and is hereby amended to read:

A late reporting fee of \$150 will be assessed on any sponsor who does not turn in the course attendance cards or attendance list with bar numbers and credit hours earned within 30 days of the date the course is held.

**Part VII.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 7.3 be and is hereby amended to read:

For courses offered by out-of-state sponsors and held outside the State of Louisiana, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 shall be assessed and paid directly by the sponsor upon application for approval of the program.

**Part VIII.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Regulation 7.4 be and is hereby amended to read:

A Member who requests approval of an out-of-state course must pay a \$20 non-refundable processing fee.

These rule changes shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until amended through further orders of the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2001.

FOR THE COURT:

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Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice