

Supreme Court of Kentucky

2025-05

ORDER

In Re: Amending the Supreme Court Rules

The following amendments to the Supreme Court Rules shall be effective January 3, 2025:

SCR 3.605 The Commission

SCR 3.605 shall read:

(1) The Continuing Legal Education Commission shall consist of 7 attorneys, 1 of whom shall be from each appellate district of the Commonwealth as presently existing or hereafter created. Under the policy direction of the Court and the Board, the Commission shall be responsible for the administration and regulation of all continuing legal education programs and activities for the members of the Association.

(2) Selection and tenure of the Commission; filling vacancies on the Commission

(a) The Court shall appoint all members of the Commission from a list of nominees consisting of the same number of members to be appointed submitted to the Court by the Board. Of the members first appointed, 3 shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years. Thereafter, appointments shall be made for a 3-year term.

(b) Members may be reappointed but no member shall serve more than 2 successive 3 year terms. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(c) Vacancies shall be filled for the vacant term in the same manner as initial appointments are made by the Court.

(d) A chair shall be designated by the Court for such time as the Court may direct.

(e) Each Commission member must be licensed to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth and have been a resident in the

appellate district from which nominated for 2 years immediately preceding the appointment.

(f) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be paid their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Association shall have the responsibility of funding the Commission and any necessary staff, who shall be employees of the Association.

(3) Commission Duties: The Commission shall be responsible for the administration of these continuing legal education rules, subject to policy approval and other direction by the Board and the Court. In discharging this responsibility, the Commission shall:

(a) Encourage and promote the offering of high-quality continuing legal education.

(b) Conduct, sponsor, or otherwise provide high-quality continuing legal education, specifically including, but not limited to, one seminar offering at least 12 credits in each Supreme Court District each year.

(c) Encourage and promote quality legal writing.

(d) Promptly approve or deny all applications provided for by these rules.

(e) Establish standards, procedures, and forms to evaluate applications made pursuant to these rules.

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the mandatory continuing legal education program subject to approval of the Board and the Court

(g) Report annually, on or before September 15, and as otherwise required, to the Board and the Court on the status of continuing legal education in the Commonwealth. Such report shall include recommended changes to these rules and regulations and their implementation.

(h) Submit to the Board annually, on or before November 1, a recommended budget for the succeeding year with any recommended changes in annual membership dues to cover costs of administering these rules.

(i) Perform such other acts and duties, not inconsistent with these rules, as are necessary and proper to improve the continuing legal education programs within the Commonwealth.

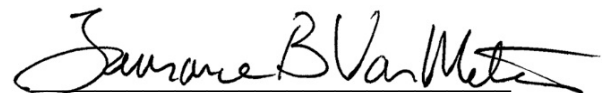
(4) A quorum consisting of at least 4 Commission members is required for conducting the business of the Commission.

(5) The Commission shall be provided with a Director for Continuing Legal Education and sufficient administrative and secretarial assistants as are from time to time required. Selection and qualifications of the Director for Continuing Legal Education shall be determined by the Board except that the person selected shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. The Director for Continuing Legal Education shall be responsible to the Commission for the proper administration of the rules applying to the Commission and any regulations issued by the Commission.

This order shall be effective upon entry and until further order of this Court.

Entered this 3rd day of January 2025.

All sitting; all concur.


CHIEF JUSTICE