Supreme Court of Kentucky

2020-41

ORDER

IN RE: EXTENSION OF CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION REPORTING DEADLINE AND WAIVER OF LIMITATION ON RECORDED ACTIVITIES

Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 8.070(1) requires every appellate judge and justice and every trial judge to attend a minimum of 25 hours in continuing judicial education (CJE) courses each educational biennium. Under SCR 8.100, justices and judges are required to report that their CJE obligations have been met no later than July 31 following the close of the educational biennium. Additionally, Supreme Court Administrative Order 2014-12 establishes the Regulations of the Continuing Judicial Education Commission. Under Regulation 101.2, judges are limited to six hours of accreditation for an activity presented by recorded technical transmission.

The Supreme Court recognizes that the current COVID-19 emergency may prevent justices and judges from attending in-person trainings and from obtaining the requisite number of CJE hours by the end of the educational biennium on June 30, 2020. Accordingly, to provide more flexibility during this unprecedented pandemic, the Supreme Court hereby ORDERS under Section 116 of the Kentucky Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 1.010 that the 2018-2020 CJE educational biennium is extended until December 31, 2020. Under SCR 8.100, justices and judges must report that their continuing judicial education obligations have been met no later than January 31, 2021. Further, the limitation on CJE credit presented by recorded technical transmission is hereby waived for the remainder of the 2018-2020 CJE educational biennium.

Entered this 20th day of May 2020.

CHIEF JUSTICE

All sitting; all concur.