IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS
TO SCR 210 REGARDING MINIMUM
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS AND MAKING
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
ADDICTIVE DISORDERS AND/OR
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

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ORDER AMENDING SUPREME COURT RULE 210

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2012, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada filed a petition in this court seeking the amendment of Supreme Court Rule 210 regarding minimum continuing legal education requirements and making mandatory continuing legal education in substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, this court has determined that the proposed rule change is warranted; accordingly

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 210 shall be amended and shall read as set forth in Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment to the Supreme Court Rules shall be effective 30 days from the date of this order. The clerk of this court shall cause a notice of entry of this order to be published in the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Publication of this order shall be accomplished by the clerk disseminating copies of this order to all subscribers of the advance sheets of the Nevada Reports and all persons and agencies listed in NRS 2.345, and to the executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. The certificate of the clerk

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of this court as to the accomplishment of the above-described publication of notice of entry and dissemination of this order shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and publication of the foregoing rules.

Dated this <u>M</u>th day of January, 2013.

C.J. J. **Gibbons** Hardesty Parraguirre J. J. Cherry J. Saitta

cc: Francis C. Flaherty, President, State Bar of Nevada Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada Clark County Bar Association Washoe County Bar Association Administrative Office of the Courts

ADKT 478 EXHIBIT A AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT RULE 210

- Rule 210. Minimum continuing legal education requirements. To meet the annual minimum continuing legal education requirements imposed by these rules, each attorney subject to these rules must timely: submit an annual fee, complete the requisite number of credit hours, and submit an annual compliance report.
- 1. **Annual Fee.** The amount of the annual fee is \$40, made payable to the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, and must be postmarked on or before March 1 of the year for which the fee is required to be paid.

2. Credit hours.

- (a) Subject to the carry forward provisions of subparagraph (b), a minimum of twelve (12) hours of accredited educational activity, as defined by the regulations adopted by the board, must be completed by December 31 of each year. Of the twelve (12) hours, at least two (2) shall be exclusively in the area of ethics and professional conduct. At least one (1) hour every three (3) years shall be exclusively in the area of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair professional competence.
- (b) Any attorney subject to these rules who completes more than twelve (12) hours of accredited educational activity in any calendar year may carry forward up to twenty (20) hours of excess credit and apply the same to the attorney's general educational requirement for the next two (2) calendar years. Likewise, any attorney subject to these rules who completes more than two (2) hours of ethics and professional conduct credit in any calendar year may carry forward up to four (4) hours of excess credit and apply the same to

the attorney's ethics and professional conduct educational requirement for the next two (2) calendar years.

3. Annual compliance report. A properly completed and verified written compliance report must be submitted to the board, and must be postmarked on or before March 1 each year. The report must be submitted on a form to be provided by the board. The board shall, no later than six (6) weeks prior to the due date, send a compliance report form to each attorney subject to these rules. The report shall include the attorney's mailing address and shall state the attorney's compliance with the credit hour requirements during the preceding calendar year. It shall not be a defense to noncompliance that the attorney did not receive the compliance report form.