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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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER AMENDING SUPREME COURT RULE 210

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2013, this court issued an order amending Supreme Court Rule 210 regarding minimum continuing legal education requirements to make mandatory continuing legal education in substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013, the Nevada CLE Board filed a motion for clarification of the rule; and

WHEREAS, this court has determined that the rule needs to be amended, accordingly

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the motion for clarification is denied as moot.

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

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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 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 20th day of March, 2014.

Gibbons, C.J.	
Pickering , J.	Hardesty, J
Parraguirre, J.	Douglas, J
Cherry, J.	Saitta, J

cc: Alan Lefebvre, President, State Bar of Nevada
Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada
Clark County Bar Association
Washoe County Bar Association
Nevada CLE Board
Administrative Office of the Courts

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT 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)] (c), 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. In a year in which the attorney is subject to the requirement in the area of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair professional competence, the attorney shall complete at least nine (9) hours of general continuing legal education, at least two (2) hours exclusively in the area of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair

issues that impair professional competence; in the remaining two years of the three-year cycle, the attorney shall complete at least ten (10) hours of general continuing legal education and at least two (2) hours exclusively in the area of ethics and professional conduct. Credit hours in the area of ethics and professional conduct, and credit hours in the area of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair professional competence, shall be tracked separately from general educational credit hours.

- (b) The three-year cycle for completion of the requirement regarding substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair professional competence shall be determined as follows:
- (1) Attorneys subject to these rules must complete the requirement within the same calendar year that this amendment becomes effective; except that attorneys who completed the requirement in the calendar year preceding this amendment shall receive credit as though they completed it within the same calendar year that this amendment becomes effective.
- (2) Attorneys entitled to an exemption pursuant to Rule 214(1)(a) must complete the requirement within the same calendar year in which they are first subject to continuing legal education requirements.
- (3) Attorneys who, for reasons other than an exemption pursuant to Rule 214(1)(a), become subject to these rules subsequent to or in the same calendar year that this amendment becomes effective, must complete the requirement within the same calendar year in which they become subject to these rules.

- [(b)] (c) 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.
- (d) Any attorney subject to these rules who completes more than one (1) hour in the area of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health issues that impair professional competence in a three-year cycle may not carry forward the excess credit hours to the next three-year cycle, but may have the excess hour(s) credited toward the attorney's ethics and professional conduct requirement, subject to the carry forward provisions set forth in subparagraph (c) above. Excess hour(s) in the area of ethics and professional conduct may be credited toward the attorney's general educational requirement, subject to the carry forward provisions set forth in subparagraph (c) above.
- 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.