# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO SCR 208 AND SCR 211 REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION. **ADKT 0577** 

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## ORDER SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING

On February 10, 2021, James W. Hardesty, Chief Justice, Ron D. Parraguirre, Associate Chief Justice, and Lidia S. Stiglich, Associate Justice, of the Nevada Supreme Court, filed a petition to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 207 and SCR 211 regarding the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education and its administration. The proposed amendments are attached as Exhibits A and B.

The Nevada Supreme Court will conduct a public hearing on the petition on March 3, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. There will be no physical location for this hearing. The hearing may be viewed on the Supreme Court's website at www.nvcourts.gov/supreme. Persons interested in participating in the hearing may join the meeting at www.bluejeans.com. Click on join meeting; enter meeting ID 479 664 551; participant passcode 1351. For BlueJeans phone dial in, call 1-408-419-1715 or 1-408-915-6290; enter meeting ID 479 664 551; participant passcode 1351.

The Court invites written comment from the bench, bar, and public regarding the proposed amendments. Comments may be submitted electronically or in hard-copy format to: Elizabeth A. Brown, Clerk of the Supreme Court, 201 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or

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nvscclerk@nvcourts.nv.gov by 5:00 p.m., February 23, 2021. Persons interested in participating in the hearing must notify the Clerk no later than February 23, 2021.

Dated this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2021.

Hardesty, C.J.

cc: Eric Dobberstein, President, State Bar of Nevada
Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada
Nevada Bar Foundation
Frank C. Flaherty, Chair, Nevada Board of Continuing
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First Judicial District Bar Association
Elko County Bar Association
Douglas County Bar Association
Administrative Office of the Courts

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### **EXHIBIT A**

- Rule 208. Powers and duties of board. Subject to oversight by the court, the [The] board shall administer these rules. Without limiting the generality of this duty, the board has the following specific powers and duties:
- 1. To accredit individual courses and all or portions of programs of continuing legal education which, in the judgment of the board, will satisfy the educational requirements of these rules, according to regulations adopted by the board and to assess fees regarding such programs upon sponsors and attorneys subject to these rules in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- 2. To grant accredited sponsorship status to certain sponsors of continuing legal education courses or programs, on such terms or conditions as the board may deem appropriate, according to regulations adopted by the board.
- 3. To determine the number of hours of credit each participant shall be entitled to receive for attendance or participation in each accredited course or educational activity, according to regulations adopted by the board.
- 4. To discover and encourage the offering of courses and programs which will satisfy the educational requirements of these rules, whether offered within or without the State of Nevada.
- 5. <u>Subject to prior court approval, to</u> [To] adopt, publish and enforce regulations pertinent to these powers and duties.
- 6. To adopt and publish forms to facilitate compliance with these rules and the board's regulations.

- 7. Subject to prior court approval, to adopt bylaws to govern the internal conduct of its affairs. Any amendments to existing bylaws shall, however, require prior court approval.
  - 8. To make recommendations to the court concerning these rules.

# [9. To maintain its own offices and employ an executive director and other such persons as the board deems necessary for the proper administration of these rules.]

- [10.] 9. To report at least annually, no later than ninety (90) days after December 31, to the court and board of governors concerning its operations and financial condition. On the application of the board of governors or on its own motion, the court may order the board to review these rules or any of its regulations, forms, or bylaws and to report to the court concerning any proposed amendments thereto.
- [11.] 10. To collect an annual fee from each attorney subject to these rules, and to assess fees and other penalties for noncompliance with these rules. All fees collected must be utilized for the cost of administration by the board of these rules.
- [12.] 11. To sue and be sued in its own name, and to carry out and defend the purposes, duties, and powers imposed upon or granted to the board in these rules. Individual members of the board, its executive director, and all staff persons assisting them shall have absolute immunity from civil liability for all acts undertaken in the course of their official duties pursuant to these rules.
- [13.] 12. To refer to the state bar for appropriate disciplinary action any attorney who engages in perceived illegal or unethical conduct in response to any of the requirements of these rules.

# EXHIBIT B

Rule 211. [Reserved.] Administration of board. The board of governors, after consultation with the board, shall provide offices and employ staff as the board of governors deems necessary for the proper administration of these rules and regulations adopted by the board. The costs of administration shall be paid from the fees established and collected by the board under these rules.