

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
ADM09-8008



ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER REGISTRATION

On September 29, 2023, the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education (CLE Board) filed a petition recommending amendments to the Rules of the Minnesota Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration. The proposed amendments concern lawyers who are listed by the Lawyer Registration Office as being on disability status. With the proposed changes, lawyers on disability status would be placed on CLE voluntary restricted status by the CLE Board, thus making clear to lawyers electing disability status that, while on that status, they would not have an obligation to complete CLE requirements.

By order filed on November 3, 2023, we established a period for the public to file written comments in response to the petition filed by the CLE Board. *See* Order Establishing Public Comment Period on Petition for Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the Minnesota Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration, No. ADM09-8008, Order (Minn. filed Nov. 3, 2023). No comments were received.

Having carefully considered the CLE Board's recommendations, we agree with the proposed amendments.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The attached amendments to Rules of the Minnesota Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration are prescribed and promulgated as shown below. The amendments are effective as of July 1, 2024.

2. The Lawyer Registration Office is directed to change the CLE category of lawyers on disability fee status who are currently in CLE category 1, 2, or 3, to VR (voluntary restricted) status. Lawyers electing disability fee status between the date of this order and June 30, 2024, will be manually changed by the Lawyer Registration Office to VR status once the lawyer makes the election of disability fee status. Lawyers electing disability fee status on or after July 1, 2024, will automatically be transferred to voluntary restricted status.

Dated: February 9, 2024

BY THE COURT:



Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE
BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

[Note: in the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words, and additions are indicated by a line drawn under the words.]

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Rule 13. Retired Status and Disability Status

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C. Transfer from Active Status to Disability Status. A lawyer who files a Disability Affidavit with the Lawyer Registration Office and who is placed on inactive status by the Lawyer Registration Office shall be transferred to voluntary restricted status by the CLE Board.

D. Transfer from Disability Status to Active Status. In addition to notifying the Lawyer Registration Office of the lawyer's intention to transfer to active status, a lawyer must satisfy the provision of Rule 12C before the Board returns the lawyer to active CLE status.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE
SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER REGISTRATION**

[Note: in the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words, and additions are indicated by a line drawn under the words.]

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Rule 7. Retired Status: Inactive

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B. Effect. The filing of a Retirement Affidavit with the Lawyer Registration Office places the lawyer or judge on inactive status and exempts the lawyer or judge from payment of fees while it is effective. A lawyer who files a Retirement Affidavit with the Lawyer Registration Office and who is placed on inactive status by the Lawyer Registration Office shall be transferred to voluntary restricted status by the CLE Board.

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Rule 8. Permanent Disability Status: Inactive

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B. Effect. The filing of a Disability Affidavit with the Lawyer Registration Office places the lawyer or judge on inactive status and exempts the lawyer or judge from payment of fees while it is effective. A lawyer who files a Disability Affidavit with the Lawyer Registration Office and who is placed on inactive status by the Lawyer Registration Office shall be transferred to voluntary restricted status by the CLE Board.

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