

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### **SUPREME COURT INCREASES AND EXPANDS CLE CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS SERVING ON DISTRICT ETHICS COMMITTEES, DISTRICT FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEES, DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT; AMENDMENTS TO BCLE REGULATION 202:1(b)**

Pursuant to BCLE Regulation 202:1(b), attorneys who volunteer their time by serving on a District Ethics Committee previously were deemed to have satisfied two (2) ethics/professionalism credits per year. This notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, as set forth in the attached April 3, 2024 Order amending BCLE Regulation 202:1(b), has increased that to four (4) ethics/professionalism credits per year. The Court in amending that regulation also expanded the beneficiaries eligible to receive those four annual ethics/professionalism CLE credits to also include attorneys serving on a District Fee Arbitration Committee, on the Disciplinary Review Board (DRB), or on the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct (ACJC). Volunteers serving on those Committees and Boards will now enjoy the annual increased CLE credit in addition to the separate existing exemption from pro bono counsel assignments already applicable to attorneys serving on certain attorney regulatory entities (the "[Madden exemption](#)").

This action by the Court comes at the outset of the attorney disciplinary system's annual outreach for volunteer members for the District Ethics Committees and Fee Arbitration Committees. Attorneys interested in contributing to the profession by serving on one of these committees should complete the [Volunteer Application](#) and submit it [OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov](mailto:OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov). To learn more about these volunteer opportunities, please contact either the Office of Attorney Ethics at [OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov](mailto:OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov) or the Secretary for the committee in your district from the [posted list](#) of District Ethics Committee and District Fee Arbitration Secretaries.

  
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Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.  
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: April 3, 2024

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Board of Continuing Legal Education Regulation 202.1 are adopted, to be effective immediately.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: April 3, 2024

BCLE REGULATION 202. Exemptions, waivers, extensions of time, undue hardship.

202:1. Exemptions.

(a) ... no change

(b) Attorneys who are serving on a District Ethics Committee, **a District Fee Arbitration Committee, the Disciplinary Review Board, or the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct** of the Supreme Court of New Jersey shall be deemed to have satisfied [two] **four** hours of credit towards the ethics/professionalism requirement during each year of any continuing legal education compliance period in which they serve on [a District Ethics Committee] **such committee**.

202:2. Waivers/undue hardship. ... no change

202:3. Extensions of time. ... no change

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Note: These regulations were approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education on January 15, 2010, and by the Supreme Court of New Jersey on January 26, 2010; amendments to Regulations 103:1(a), 201:2, 201:6, 201:8, 202:1, and 401:4 were approved by the Board on March 28, 2011 and by the Supreme Court on July 21, 2011 to be effective immediately; amendments to Regulations 103:1(j) and (l), 201:4, 201:6, 201:8, 202:2, 202:3, 302:4, 302:10, 402:1, 402:2, and 402:3. were approved by the Board on September 28, 2012 and by the Supreme Court on October 23, 2012 to be effective November 1, 2012; the amendment to Regulation 201:8 to be applied retroactively; amendments to Regulation 103:1(k) and 201:1 were approved by the Supreme Court on October 20, 2020 to be effective January 1, 2021; Regulations 102:3, 103:1, 201:2, 201:3, 201:4, 201:6, 201:8, 202:1, 202:2, 301:1, 301:4, 301:8, 301:9, 301:11, 301:12, 301:13, 302:1, 302:3, 302:4, 302:5, 302:6, 302:9, 302:10, 401:1, 401:2, 401:4, 402:1, 402:2, 402:3, 402:4 amended, Regulation 103:2 adopted, and Regulation 401:5 deleted by Supreme Court order October 17, 2023 to be effective January 1, 2024; Regulation 202:1(b) amended April 3, 2024 to be effective immediately.