

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

Modification of Judicial Education Requirements for 2020-2021

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OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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2020 OK 34, __ P.3d __ FOR PUBLICATION IN OBJ ONLY.

NOT FOR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION. Modification of Judicial Education Requirements for
2020-2021 ORDER ¶1 Whereas Rule 4 of the Rules for Mandatory Judicial Continuing Legal
Education. (Chapter 1, App. 4-B) requires all judges and justices to obtain twelve (12) hours
annually of MJCLE; ¶2 Whereas the Governor of Oklahoma declared an Emergency on March 15,
2020, and the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals entered three joint orders dealing
with the COVID-19 Emergency which altered the operation of the district courts through August
1, 2020 and suspended rules and procedures from March 16, 2020 to May18, 2020; ¶3 Whereas
the emergency continues to exist and has resulted in the cancellation of the July 2020 Annual
Oklahoma Judicial Conference and the June 2020 Annual Sovereignty Symposium and neither
will be rescheduled.

Numerous other judicial education seminars and conferences have been cancelled for 2020; ¶4
Whereas good cause exists for modifying the annual requirement and instead temporarily allowing
judges two years to meet the requirements; ¶5 Whereas this Order does not affect any statutory
requirement for judicial education for those judges with juvenile dockets; ¶6 IT IS THEREFORE
ORDERED that effective immediately, the MJCLE requirement for the calendar years 2020 and
2021, is reduced from 12 hours per year to a combined total of 18 hours, and any or all credit may
be earned in one or both years.

Carry over hours from 2019 will also apply. The Administrative Office of the Court will provide
judges and justices with an interim report for 2020 and a final report for 2021. ¶7 DONE BY
ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE this 18th day of May, 2020. /S/CHIEF

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