

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU**

**IN RE RULES FOR CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION**

ORDER

Pursuant to the rule-making authority vested in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau by Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution and 4 PNC § 101, the RULES FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, promulgated on October 27, 2008, are hereby amended as follows:

Section 3: Continuing Legal Education Requirement

- (a) Every active member of the Palau Bar shall complete fifteen (15) hours of Continuing Legal Education every two years, at least two (2) hours of which must be ethics or professional responsibility education.
- (1) An “active member” is defined as a person who has active status within the Palau Bar Association.
- (2) “Ethics or professional responsibility education” is defined as those courses or segments of courses devoted to:
- (A) the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, or other rules of professional conduct or ethics adopted by the Supreme Court;
- (B) the professional obligations of the lawyer to the client, the judicial system, the public, and other lawyers;
- (C) substance abuse and its effects on lawyers and the practice of law;
- (D) client trust administration, bias awareness and prevention, and access to justice; or
- (E) courses approved for “ethics” or “professional responsibility” credit by any entity listed in Section 5(a)(2) of these rules.

The reporting requirement for attorneys who are not active members of the Palau Bar for the entire compliance period shall be prorated at two CLE credits per quarter.

- (b) The CLE requirement may be met by either attending courses or by completing any other continuing legal education activity automatically approved for credit as provided in this rule. Attending a course includes in-person attendance or attendance via Zoom or other video conferencing software that allows the attendee to communicate in real time with the presenter if the course presenter certifies the attendee's participation in the course.

Section 5: Approved Education Activities (and standards for approval of courses)

- (c) Self-study. In addition to formal courses conducted in a class or seminar setting, approved self-study courses involving the use of video or audio tapes, computer resources (e.g. CD-ROM and internet), or correspondence courses (e.g. satellite and teleconference) may be used to satisfy the credit requirements of this Rule. Members may apply a maximum of ~~5~~ seven (7) hours of approved self-study credit toward the total CLE requirement per reporting period, provided that only five (5) hours of which may be non-“ethics or professional responsibility education” credits as defined by Section 3(a)(2).

These amendments shall take effect immediately upon the date of this Order.

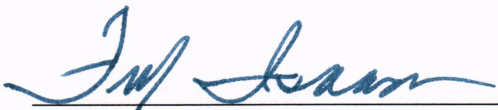
SO ORDERED this 31st day of January 2023.



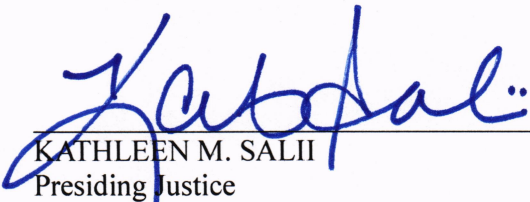
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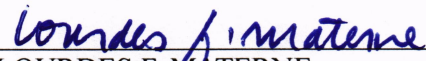
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