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ORDER

Effective upon publication in the Advance Sheets of the Kansas Reports, the following implementing rules of the Continuing Legal Education Commission are hereby amended to read as follows:

RULE 802A PRACTICAL SKILLS REQUIREMENT

- (a) Within 6 months following admission to the bar in Kansas, an attorney shall attend ~~a New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ an Orientation to Kansas Practice Program of not less than eight (8), including two (2) hours of professional responsibility. Such attendance shall satisfy a portion of the twelve (12) hour mandatory continuing legal education requirements for the attorney's first compliance period and shall apply to those attorneys admitted to practice in Kansas after April 1, 2004.
- (b) The ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program shall follow an agenda approved by the Commission. Accreditation of programs shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 803.
- (c) An attorney required to complete the ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program may, upon application to and approval by the Commission, be exempted from the requirement if the attorney has been admitted to practice in another jurisdiction and has been in ~~private practice~~ the active practice of law, as defined by Supreme Court Rule 703, in that jurisdiction for a minimum of five (5) years; if the attorney has attended a mandatory new lawyer training program of at least eight (8) hours, including two (2) hours of professional responsibility, in another jurisdiction and approved by the Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission; or if the attorney is admitted to practice in Kansas pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 706.
- (d) The Commission may, upon written application by an attorney, grant a deferral of attendance at the ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program because of hardship, disability or other good cause. Attorneys who are registered and on active status under Supreme Court Rule 208 but who do not practice in Kansas may, upon written application, defer attendance at the ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program until such time as they practice in Kansas or qualify for an exemption under subsection (c). The ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program shall be completed within the six (6) month period following the expiration of the deferral.

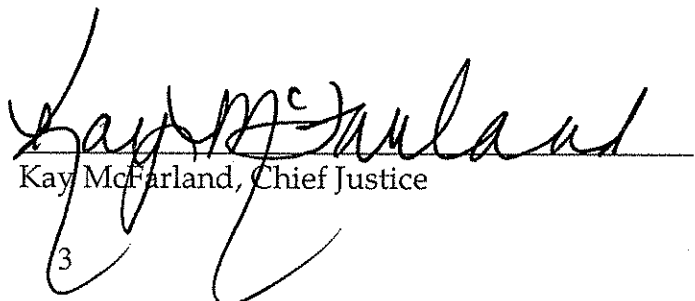
- (e) The Commission may, upon written application by an attorney, grant an extension of time to complete the ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program because of hardship, disability or other good cause.
- (f) Failure to complete and certify attendance at the ~~New Lawyer Practical Skills~~ Orientation to Kansas Practice Program within six (6) months after admission to the Kansas Bar shall be grounds for immediate suspension from the practice of law in Kansas, absent Commission approval of an exemption, deferral, or extension.

CLE RULE 7: ACCREDITATION OF NEW LAWYER PRACTICAL SKILLS PROGRAM

- 7.01 Application for sponsor accreditation shall be submitted in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 803(a).
- 7.02 In order to be approved by the Commission for accreditation, the program must meet the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 802A and comply with the following standards:
 - a. The program must meet the standards of CLE Rule 6.
 - b. Presentation must be live. Sponsors are encouraged to use a variety of methods of instruction, including lectures and panels, as well as workshops and other forms of participatory or interactive learning where appropriate.
 - c. The program must follow the approved standard agenda unless otherwise approved by the Commission.
 - d. The program should contain extensive written materials that can serve as future reference materials for the participants, with citations to and copies of relevant statutes and regulations, practical checklists, and basic forms of instruction on when to use them and how to complete them. The written materials must be submitted to the Commission with the application for approval of practical skills training.
- 7.03 Any attorney may attend this program one time for continuing legal education credit. Repeat attendance, while beneficial, would not be eligible for additional credit.
- 7.04 New attorneys will not receive credit for attending a ~~practical skills~~ an Orientation to Kansas Practice course with the intent of meeting the requirement prior to being sworn into the Kansas Bar.

- 7.05 Attorneys required to complete the New Lawyer Practical Skills Orientation to Kansas Practice Program may, upon application to and approval by the Commission, be exempted from the requirement if the attorney has been admitted to practice in another jurisdiction and has been in private practice the active practice of law, as defined by Supreme Court Rule 703, in that jurisdiction for a minimum of five (5) years; if the attorney has attended a mandatory new lawyer training program of at least eight (8) hours, including two (2) hours of professional responsibility, in another jurisdiction and approved by the Commission; or if the attorney is admitted to practice in Kansas pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 706. Requests for exemptions must be received by the Commission prior to the end of the six (6) month deadline that the requirement is to be completed.
- 7.06 Attorneys may upon written application request a deferral of the Practical Skills—Orientation to Kansas Practice Requirement because of hardship, disability or other good cause. Attorneys who are registered and on active status under Supreme Court Rule 208 but who do not practice in Kansas may, upon written application, defer attendance at the New Lawyer Practical Skills Orientation to Kansas Practice Program until such time as they practice in Kansas or qualify for an exemption under subsection (c). The New Lawyer Practical Skills Orientation to Kansas Practice Program shall be completed within six (6) months following the expiration of the deferral. Requests for deferrals must be received by the Commission prior to the end of the six (6) month deadline that the requirement is to be completed.
- 7.07 Failure to complete and certify attendance at the New Lawyer Practical Skills Orientation to Kansas Practice Program no later than six (6) months following admission to the Kansas Bar shall be grounds for immediate suspension from the practice of law in Kansas, absent Commission approval of an exemption, deferral, or extension.
- 7.08 Each individual attending a New Lawyer Practical Skills an Orientation to Kansas Practice Program shall certify to the Commission completion of the program on the attendance certificate provided for that purpose.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 22nd day of April, 2005.


Kay McFarland, Chief Justice