SCR 3.685 Continuing legal education requirements for restoration or reinstatement to membership: procedures

(1) Every former member or member transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to SCR 3.030, applying for or otherwise seeking restoration or reinstatement to membership pursuant to Rules 3.500 or 3.510, shall be required to have completed the minimum annual continuing legal education requirement for each year during which he or she was not a member in good standing, including any year prior to disbarment, suspension or withdrawal under threat of disbarment or suspension, during which the minimum annual continuing legal education requirement was not fulfilled. Completion of such credits shall be certified to the Commission as a condition precedent to reinstatement or restoration. In no case shall a member be required to attend more than 60 continuing legal education credits, including applicable ethics credits, as a condition precedent of restoration or reinstatement to membership.

(2) The application or affidavit of compliance submitted for restoration or reinstatement shall include certification from the Director for CLE of completion of continuing legal education activities as required by these Rules, or otherwise specified by the Commission or Court. Applicants or affiants shall request said certification from the Director for CLE in writing and shall submit with said written request a fee of $50.00 to cover the expense of the record search and certification. Applications or affidavits of compliance submitted for restoration or reinstatement which do not include the required certification of continuing legal education credits, including verification of fee payment for the certification, shall be considered incomplete and shall not be processed.

(3) The requirements for completion of continuing legal education as a condition to restoration or reinstatement as set forth above may only be satisfied with credits earned in the current educational year during which the application is submitted and the preceding 5 educational years. Credits so earned shall be applicable to requirements imposed by the Commission upon application or other actions undertaken in pursuit of restoration or reinstatement.

(4) Approval of the application or provision of a certification for an affidavit of compliance shall satisfy the requirement of the applicant under SCR 3.645 for the current educational year.

(5) In the event that a new educational year begins after approval of the application or certification for an affidavit of compliance by the Commission, but prior to Supreme Court entry of an Order of Reinstatement or Restoration, or Registrar's certification of member's name to the active roster of membership the new year minimum continuing legal education requirement must be completed and the application updated before the reinstatement or restoration can proceed to the Board of Governors or to the Court, unless a maximum of 60 credits have been completed.

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