

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of	)	Arizona Supreme Court
	)	No. R-24-0050
RULE 45(a), RULES OF THE	)	
SUPREME COURT	)	
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	)	FILED 12/03/2024

**ORDER ADOPTING ON A PERMANENT BASIS
RULE 45(a) OF THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

On July 10, 2024, David K. Byers, Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC"), filed a rule petition on AOC's behalf proposing to amend, on an emergency basis, Rule 45(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona. On July 10, 2024, the Court granted Petitioner's request for expedited consideration and opened the petition for public comment until October 1, 2024.

Following the August 2024 Rules Agenda, the Court entered an order on August 22, 2024, adopting the rule amendments, with modifications, on an emergency basis under Rule 28(h)(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, effective September 14, 2024. The order also provided that during the December 2024 Rules Agenda, the Court would consider whether to adopt the amendments on a permanent basis.

As the Court has not received any comments and as the Court remains convinced that the rule amendments are appropriate,

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to Rule 45(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, which the Court adopted on an emergency basis on August 22, 2024, are adopted permanently in accordance with the attachment to this order, effective January 1, 2025. The amendments shown in the attachment are the same as the amendments shown in the attachment to the Court's August 22, 2024, order.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2024.

_____/s/_____
ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

TO:

Rule 28 Distribution
David K Byers

ATTACHMENT¹

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

Rule 45. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

(a) Continuing Legal Education Requirements.

1. – 6. [No change]

7. An active member of the bar, not exempted, who attends a continuing education program to satisfy a state agency license renewal requirement is eligible to claim one hour of continuing legal education credit for every qualifying hour of credit earned in satisfaction of the member's state agency license renewal requirement. To be eligible to qualify as continuing legal education credit, credit earned in satisfaction of the member's state agency license renewal requirement must derive from a continuing education program that: consists of an organized program of learning, deals with matters directly related to the law, will increase the participant's professional competence as a lawyer, follows an agenda, is accompanied by substantive or practical written materials or exercises, and substantially conforms, as far as practicable, to the regulations established by the board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, credits earned in satisfaction of a member's state agency license renewal requirement cannot be counted toward the professional responsibility activity required under section (a)(2). "State agency license renewal requirement" has the meaning provided in A.R.S. § 12-112.01.

(b)–(k) [No change]

¹ Additions to the text of the rule are shown by underscoring.