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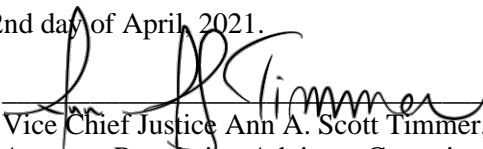
**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:)
) Supreme Court No. R-21-0016
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) Comment of the Attorney Regulation Advisory
PETITION TO AMEND RULE 45(a)2, ARIZ.) Committee in Support of Proposed Rule
R. SUP. CT.) Change
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The Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (“ARC”) respectfully recommends that the Arizona Supreme Court grant Rule Change Petition R-21-0016 (the “Petition”), with one modification. The Petition would amend Rule 45(a)(2) by adding subsection (B) to include, as part of the current mandatory three hours of continuing legal education (“CLE”) on professional responsibility, a one-hour requirement of CLE on diversity and inclusion. ARC fully supports requiring one hour of CLE on diversity and inclusion. However, in lieu of including this new requirement as part of the three-hour professional responsibility requirement, ARC recommends that the new diversity and inclusion requirement be included as part of the overall 15-hour requirement under Rule 45(a)(1).

Diversity and inclusion seminars may qualify for ethics credit, but ARC is concerned that expressly and automatically counting such seminars toward the three-hour professional responsibility requirement could have the unintended effect of reducing members’ enrollment in CLE seminars on topics related directly to the Ethical Rules or other topics that are relevant to ethics and professionalism standards for State Bar members.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of April, 2021.



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