

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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MODIFYING ARIZONA CODE OF)	Administrative Directive
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION)	No. 2020 - <u>11</u>
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO)	(Replacing Administrative
A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)	Directive No. 2020-08)
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15). The most recent such directive, Administrative Directive No. 2020-08 issued on April 20, 2020, directed that the annual Judicial Conference and COJET requirements be suspended along with state bar CLE requirements for judicial personnel for 2020. This directive supersedes that administrative directive and provides direction on judges and court staff completing courses at the December 2020 State Bar of Arizona Convention

The Chief Justice has directed that the annual Judicial Conference and COJET requirements be suspended along with state bar CLE requirements for judicial personnel for 2020. The Administrative Director is authorized to modify code sections due to the health emergency. Therefore,

IT IS DIRECTED that the following requirements are suspended or modified as follows:

ACJA § 1-302: Education and Training

1. The General Requirements for Compliance in ACJA § 1-302(H) are suspended in calendar year 2020.
2. The requirement in ACJA § 1-302(I) for judges to attend the annual judicial conference is suspended in calendar year 2020.
3. Consistent with ACJA § 1-302(I) and the Code of Judicial Conduct, judicial personnel shall spend such time during calendar year 2020 as may reasonably be required to obtain and maintain professional competence through judicial education.
4. Court personnel who are subject to COJET requirements are deemed to have complied with Supreme Court Rule 45(a) for calendar year 2020 for purposes of reporting mandatory continuing legal education.
5. Judges and court staff completing courses at the December 2020 State Bar of Arizona Convention may use those credit hours of judicial education to fulfill the General Requirements for Compliance in ACJA § 1-302(H) in calendar year 2021. This shall not impact the requirement in ACJA § 1-302(I) for judges to attend the annual judicial conference in 2021.

Dated this 28th day of May 2020.

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