

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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AUTHORIZING CLE CREDIT FOR) Administrative Order
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA) No. 2020 - 178
MENTOR PILOT PROGRAM)
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In 2020, the State Bar of Arizona convened a Mentor Advisory Council to develop a structured mentor program. This mentor program is the result of a recommendation coming out of the State Bar’s Senior Lawyer Task Force. This mentor program is initially intended to be a two-year pilot program. Program participants will commit to no less than a year of participation, mandatory training, activities and discussions about the basic precepts of law, practical skills, ethics and professionalism.

As a meaningful incentive to encourage participation, the Task Force has recommended that both mentor and mentee participants receive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hours for successful completion of an entire year in the program; a total of eight CLE credit hours, two of which will be ethics credit. This program would be assessed periodically through participant evaluation, feedback and Mentor Advisory Council review to ensure the participants are fulfilling the curriculum requirements and the activities qualify for CLE credit under Rule 45, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. and the associated State Bar of Arizona Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Regulations.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Participants of the State Bar of Arizona two-year Pilot Mentor Program will receive 8 hours of CLE credit (2 hours of which will qualify as professional responsibility) upon successful completion of the entire one-year long cohort.
2. Programmatic success will be determined through periodic assessments of the program to ensure the program’s objectives are met including high participant satisfaction and the curriculum requirements of practical skills, ethics, and professionalism are provided and in compliance with Rule 45 Ariz. R. Sup. Ct and the associated State Bar Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Regulations.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice