

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION)	Administrative Order
OF CLE CREDIT FOR THE STATE)	No. 2022 - <u>105</u>
BAR OF ARIZONA MENTOR)	(Amending Administrative
PILOT PROGRAM)	Order No. 2020-178)
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In Administrative Order No. 2020-178, entered on November 18, 2020, this Court authorized participants in the State Bar of Arizona Mentor Pilot Program to receive 8 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit (2 hours of which would qualify as professional responsibility) upon successful completion of the one-year long program as a meaningful incentive to encourage participation by both mentors and mentees.

The mentor program was initiated as a two-year pilot program. The program has been successful to-date, based on positive reviews from participants, periodic assessments, and increasing participation. To date, 212 applicants have applied and been approved to participate in the program. Forty-six participants have successfully completed the year-long program in its entirety and have received 8 hours of CLE credit. A cohort commenced on April 28, 2022, with 34 total participants, and a new cohort is scheduled to begin in October 2022. Beginning in November 2022, participants will be able to enter the program on a rolling year basis, resulting in participants completing the program throughout 2023. Additionally, the April 2022 and October 2022 cohorts will not complete the full program until 2023 well past the expiration date of November 18, 2022, contemplated in Administrative Order 2020-178. An extension of Administrative Order No. 2020-178 is necessary to ensure that all participants beginning the pilot program will receive CLE credit upon successful completion of the entire one-year program even if that completion date is after the pilot program's scheduled expiration.

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

IT IS ORDERED amending Administrative Order No. 2020-178 to allow participants successfully completing the year-long State Bar of Arizona Mentor Pilot Program on or before December 31, 2023, to be eligible to receive up to 8 hours of CLE credit (2 hours of which will qualify as professional responsibility). All other provisions of Administrative Order No. 2020-178 remain unchanged and in effect.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice