

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
TEMPORARY INCREASE OF THE) Administrative Order
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS) **No. 2009 -117**
GRANTED TO JUDICIAL OFFICERS)
FOR INDEPENDENT LEARNING)
_____)

On August 26th, 2009, Administrative Order No. 2009-88 was filed extending the reduction of continuing judicial education requirements through calendar year 2010 in response to the State of Arizona financial crisis. This Order exempted judicial officers from the reduction and called for the Administrative Office of the Courts to offer online educational programs for judges and other Judicial Branch employees as a way to reduce travel costs for attending training and education programs.

At the request of the Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET) and to maximize cost savings from distance learning, a temporary increase of the maximum number of hours granted to judicial officers for independent learning is needed.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the maximum of 8 COJET hours in a calendar year that judicial officers may be granted for independent learning programs as described in ACJA Section 1-302.E.6 is increased to 16 hours for calendar year 2010. All other policies, standards, and approval mechanisms described in Section 1-302 remain in force, and judicial officers are strongly encouraged to utilize a broad array of training options to meet their annual training requirement.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2009.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice