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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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In Re: Petition to Amend
Rules Regulating The Florida
Bar - Continuing Legal Education
Requirement

Case No.

74,93y

PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES REGULATING THE BAR

The Board of Governors of The Florida Bar hereby petitions the Supreme Court of Florida, pursuant to Rule 1-12.1, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, to amend the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and shows:

1. Official notice of filing this petition was published in the June 15 and August 15, 1989, editions of The Florida Bar News, as required by Rule 1-12.1, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

2. A copy of each notice is attached as Exhibits 1 and 2. Both of the amendments in this petition have been approved by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

3. The amendment, identified as Rule 6-12.3(c), seeks to allow an individual to earn continuing legal education credit, during an eight month period prior to Bar admission, for training programs presented by governmental entities. Currently, credit prior to Bar admission is only available for the Bar's basic skills course (Bridge-the-Gap). This amendment is designed to benefit individuals who begin their law career in a state attorney or public defender's office and by virtue of their "governmental employment"

are at that time exempt from the Basic Skills Course Requirement Rule.

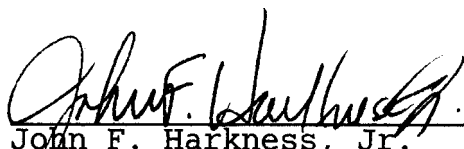
This amendment does not alter the requirement that at the time the "governmental employment" exemption is no longer applicable to any individual, he or she must complete the Basic Skills Course Requirement within twelve months. It merely provides an inducement to attend work related training programs prior to Bar admission and receive credit.

4. The amendment to Rule 6-10.6 allows the Board of Governors to reinstate Bar members suspended for failure to complete their Continuing Legal Education Requirement. This procedure was directed by the Supreme Court through The Florida Bar Re-Noncompliance with CLE Requirement, Case No. 74,265 (June 21, 1989).

5. An August 1, 1989 effective date for both amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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