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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

Opinion Delivered: February 28, 2019

IN RE: BOARD OF CERTIFIED
COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

PER CURIAM

The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners (“the Board”) has submitted proposed changes to the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters and the Regulations of the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Specifically, the Board requests that we revise portions of the Rule and Regulations that relate to continuing education requirements. We have reviewed the Board’s proposal and we adopt the revised Rule and Regulation. The revisions, which are set out in "line-in, line-out" fashion below (new material is underlined; deleted material is lined through), are effective upon the beginning of the next reporting period.

Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters

Section 13. Continuing Education Requirement.

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Exceptions to Requirement.

Any reporter certified pursuant to this rule who attains the age of 65 or 30 years of certification, during any reporting period, and who has completed two “reporting periods” of continuing education requirements, is exempt from all requirements of this rule for that reporting period as well as all subsequent reporting periods.

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Administrative Procedures.

In the event of noncompliance, the certificate of the affected reporter shall be subject to suspension or revocation as set forth in the following section. Prior to initiation of suspension or revocation proceedings, the Board shall provide notice to allow the reporter to achieve compliance. Board approved continuing education credits obtained subsequent to the relevant reporting period and prior to a vote of suspension or revocation shall be accepted in order to cure noncompliance. However, such hours will be subject to a late filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

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Suspension of License-Reinstatement.

After a Board vote of suspension or revocation of a certificate, the Board shall notify the affected reporter by way of certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. In addition, the Board shall file the order of suspension or revocation with the Clerk of this Court and provide such other notice as the Board may consider appropriate.

Regulations of the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners

Section 6

- a. Applicants for certification, deemed eligible by the Board, shall receive certification upon submitting the application, paying the application fee, and either successfully passing the certification examination or utilizing the provisions of Section 26. Certification shall be issued solely in the method by which the applicant successfully tested.
- b. Upon receiving certification, the court reporter must complete two “reporting periods” of continuing education requirements before being eligible for the age/years of service exemption specified in Section 13 of Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters.