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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

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IN RE: WAIVER OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

## **ORDER**

The Commission on Continuing Legal Education previously entered an order combining the requirements and reporting deadline for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 reporting years, with such hours to be reported by August 15, 2006.

This Court has received and taken under consideration a request from Chancellor James Persons that attorneys practicing in the Coastal region be granted an additional extension of the August 15, 2006, deadline for completion and reporting of continuing legal education requirements for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 reporting years. This Court is keenly aware of the difficulties Hurricane Katrina has visited upon attorneys residing and practicing in the Coastal region of our State and, accordingly, finds the requested relief is justified for attorneys who reside in, or have offices located in, Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Stone, Pearl River or George counties ("Coastal Attorneys").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for Coastal Attorneys to complete and report continuing legal education hours for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 reporting years is extended from August 15, 2006 to August 31, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the three-year period beginning August 1, 2004, and ending July 31, 2007, Coastal Attorneys, unless otherwise exempted, shall be required to have earned a total of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing legal education, of which at least two hours shall be an Ethics Hour, as defined by Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education. In fulfilling these requirements, a maximum of twelve hours of credit may be carried over from the period of August 1, 2003, to July 31, 2004, in conformity with Regulation 3.7 of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that with the exceptions stated herein, all Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education shall continue to apply.

FOR THE COURT