

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COVID-19 Pandemic Response – Indigent Defense Services

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by G.L. (1997 Reenactment) § 8-15-2 and in further response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances that have arisen as a result, Executive Order 2013-07 is hereby amended as follows:

The requirement in Executive Order 2013-07 that attorneys shall submit a Court Appointment Recertification application by August 15 of each year is hereby suspended. Attorneys shall have until August 15, 2022 to file a recertification application. Attorneys are relieved of the obligation to complete the continuing legal education requirements for the 2021 recertification process. All legal education credits earned in the 2020 and 2021 reporting years as well as excess credits set to expire in the 2020 and 2021 reporting years may be used to satisfy legal education requirements for the 2022 recertification application.

All attorneys certified for the 2020 recertification year will be automatically certified for the 2021 recertification year. The general requirements for court appointment panels shall continue to be in effect.

Entered as an Executive Order of this Court this 4th day of May 2021.

BY ORDER:

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Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice