


NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT INCREASES AND EXPANDS CLE CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS SERVING ON DISTRICT ETHICS COMMITTEES, DISTRICT FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEES, DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT; AMENDMENTS TO BCLE REGULATION 202:1(b)

Pursuant to BCLE Regulation 202:1(b), attorneys who volunteer their time by serving on a District Ethics Committee previously were deemed to have satisfied two (2) ethics/professionalism credits per year. This notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, as set forth in the attached April 3, 2024 Order amending BCLE Regulation 202:1(b), has increased that to four (4) ethics/professionalism credits per year. The Court in amending that regulation also expanded the beneficiaries eligible to receive those four annual ethics/professionalism CLE credits to also include attorneys serving on a District Fee Arbitration Committee, on the Disciplinary Review Board (DRB), or on the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct (ACJC). Volunteers serving on those Committees and Boards will now enjoy the annual increased CLE credit in addition to the separate existing exemption from pro bono counsel assignments already applicable to attorneys serving on certain attorney regulatory entities (the "[Madden exemption](#)").

This action by the Court comes at the outset of the attorney disciplinary system's annual outreach for volunteer members for the District Ethics Committees and Fee Arbitration Committees. Attorneys interested in contributing to the profession by serving on one of these committees should complete the [Volunteer Application](#) and submit it OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov. To learn more about these volunteer opportunities, please contact either the Office of Attorney Ethics at OAE.mbx@njcourts.gov or the Secretary for the committee in your district from the [posted list](#) of District Ethics Committee and District Fee Arbitration Secretaries.



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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

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