Changes to CLE Program Format Restrictions in Response to COVID-19 Coronavirus

In an effort to address the growing concerns related to the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the CLE Board will implement the following changes, effective immediately through June 30, 2020:¹

- **Newly Admitted Attorneys** – Newly admitted attorneys (those admitted to the New York State Bar for two years or less) may participate in Skills CLE courses by either individual participation (self-study) or group participation, in the following live, nontraditional formats, where questions are allowed during the program:²
  a. webconference,
  b. teleconference, and
  c. videoconference.

- **New York State CLE Accredited Providers** – New York State CLE Accredited Providers may offer CLE programs in the above-listed formats, provided they do so in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in the *Program Rules* and *Regulations*.

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¹ Should conditions warrant, these changes may be extended.

² *Under the New York State CLE Program Rules* (the “*Program Rules*”) and the *New York State CLE Board Regulations & Guidelines* (the “*Regulations*”), newly admitted attorneys are required to earn Skills CLE credits in a traditional live classroom setting or a fully interactive videoconference group setting.