



**appellatecourtclerk - Comment on proposed changes to Rule 21**

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Dear Clerk:

I strongly encourage the Court to reject the proposed changes to the mandatory LIVE CLE credits set forth in Section 3.01 (a) and Section 4.02 (a) which increases the required in classroom hours from five to seven hours. Accordingly, I request the Court keep the in required classroom hours limited to five hours. As an attorney who is located in South Carolina and licensed with both South Carolina and Tennessee, these changes cause an additional economic burden to my practice. Currently, most in classroom CLE programs offered in Tennessee qualify for four to six CLE hours. The proposed change to Rule 21 will, in essence, require that any attorney located outside of Tennessee make (at least) two trips into Tennessee to complete the in classroom CLE hour requirements. I would argue that the economic burden placed on Tennessee attorneys located outside Tennessee created by the proposed changes to Rule 21 do not meet or exceed the benefit of requiring said attorneys to attend in classroom CLE programs.

Respectfully,

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