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*In Re: Amendment to Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 6-10.3,*  
Case No. SC21-284

Dear Editor:

I have provided you with a copy of the proposed Rules in the above case. Please publish said Rules in the June 1, 2021, Bar News. Please publish a statement that the Court has placed the proposed Rules on the Internet at location:

**<http://onlinedocketssc.flcourts.org/>**.

Any comments should be filed with the Supreme Court on or before June 29, 2021. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (Portal) in accordance with *In re Electronic Filing in the Supreme Court of Florida via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13-7 (Feb. 18, 2013). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in

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Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Comments filed via the Portal must be submitted in Microsoft Word 97 or higher. *See In re Electronic Filing in the Florida Supreme Court*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC17-27 (May 9, 2017). Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAT', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

John A. Tomasino

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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Carlos G. Muñiz, Supreme Court Justice Liaison  
Diane West, Central Staff Director  
Chief Judges of the District Courts of Appeal  
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The Florida Supreme Court recently adopted an amendment to rule 6-10.3(d) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, on its own motion. The amendment prohibits the approval of continuing legal education courses that use quotas based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in the selection of course faculty or participants.

The Court invites all interested persons to comment on the amendments, which are reproduced in full below. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before June 29, 2021, as well as a separate request for oral argument if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (Portal) in accordance with *In re Electronic Filing in the Supreme Court of Florida via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13-7 (Feb. 18, 2013). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Comments filed via the Portal must be submitted in Microsoft Word 97 or higher. See *In re Electronic Filing in the Florida Supreme Court*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC17-27 (May 9, 2017). Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

## **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

### **IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR 6-10.3, CASE NO. 21-284**

#### **Rule 6-10.3. Minimum Continuing Legal Education**

##### **Standards**

**(a)– (c) [No Change]**

**(d) Course Approval.** Course approval is set forth in policies adopted pursuant to this rule. Special policies will be adopted for courses sponsored by governmental agencies for employee lawyers that exempt these courses from any course approval fee and may exempt these courses from other requirements as determined by the board of legal specialization and education. The board of legal specialization and education may not approve any course submitted by a sponsor, including a section of The Florida Bar, that uses quotas based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in the selection of course faculty or participants.

**(e) – (g) [No Change]**