## STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

Order Supplementing Rules Relating To Continuing Legal Education

IT IS HEREBY ordered that Rule 3 of the Rules of Continuing Legal Education is amended by adding the following:

"Any attorney in the first class established by order of this court on April 3, 1975, who has completed his first full three-year participation in the program and is required to report his compliance within 60 days of June 30, 1979, but has not accumulated 45 hours of approved educational courses, may carry over credits in excess of 15 hours accumulated during the period of July 1, 1974, to June 30, 1976. This amendment shall have no further effect after July 1, 1979."

Dated: March 24, 1978.

BY THE COURT

## MEMORANDUM

This court's original order establishing the Rules of Continuing Legal Education is silent as to the question of carryover credits. The court in establishing these rules necessarily had to administratively divide the participants into three groups to facilitate the processing of the tri-annual reporting requirements. The Continuing Legal Education Board, in the proper exercise of its administration of these rules, adopted a policy indicating it would deny carryover credits. This policy we find to be of general knowledge on or before July 1, 1976.

We believe the policy of the Board is consistent with the theory of continuing education. Nevertheless, we are concerned as to the possible injustice that may have occurred because of our failure to comment on this policy at the time of the adoption of the rules. Therefore, to avoid any question of unfair lack of notice, we have adopted the accompanying order. However, it is our conviction that this exception will have minimum application, as we are confident the members of the bar and bench will comply with the spirit of the rules which is the concept that continuing education is not necessarily limited to the minimum standards established by these rules.