

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2003

*In the Matter of Amendments to the
Rules for Continuing Legal Education of
Members of the Wyoming State Bar*)
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE
RULES FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OF
MEMBERS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR**

JUDY PACHECO, CLERK
Court Reporter
by DEPUTY

The Board of Continuing Legal Education of the Wyoming State Bar having recommended to the Court amendments to the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto; and the Court having examined the proposed amendments and deeming the amendments advisable; it is,

ORDERED that the amendments to the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective July 1, 2003; and it is further

ORDERED that the amendments to the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter, the Wyoming Reporter, and in the Wyoming Court Rules; and that the amendments to the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar shall thereupon be spread at length upon the journal of the Court.

DATED this 22ND day of April, 2003.

BY THE COURT:

William U. Hill

**WILLIAM U. HILL
Chief Justice**

- (4) The Defense Lawyers Association of Wyoming;
- (5) The Wyoming Public Defender;—and
- (6) The Wyoming Prosecutors Association;
- (7) The Wyoming Pro Bono Organization (WYPBO); and
- (8) The Wyoming State Bar Pro Bono Coordinator.

c. The final published course schedule of an accredited continuing legal education program shall be determinative of the number of hours of accredited continuing legal education available through such program. In all other cases except as noted below, the state board of continuing legal education shall determine the number of hours of accredited continuing legal education available through such program. In the case of participation in the WYPBO program, the number of hours of credit is not to exceed three (3) per year for civil case representation. Representation is hereby defined as providing legal services to one or more clients in a single or series of related matters.

(1) For Mentoring Another Attorney: A WYPBO attorney who acts as a mentor to another attorney for a pro bono case will be awarded one (1) CLE credit per case and shall not be eligible to receive more than three (3) CLE credits for pro bono work in any one calendar year. Mentors will be assigned at the time of referral by indigent client and the mentor. Mentors shall be available to the attorney representing the indigent client for information and advice on all aspects of the case, but the mentor will not be required to file or otherwise enter an appearance on behalf of the indigent client. Mentors shall not be members of the same firm or in association with the attorney representing the indigent client.

(2) For Mentoring A Law Student: A WYPBO attorney who acts as a mentor for a law student who has successfully completed at least four (4) semesters at an ABA accredited law school on a case will be awarded (3) CLE credits and shall not be eligible to receive more than three (3) CLE credits for pro bono work in any one calendar year. Mentors will be assigned to law students at the time of referral by the WYPBO coordinator with the consent of the law student and law school and the mentor. Mentors shall be available to the law student for information and advice on all aspects of the case and shall mentor the law student on the case while supervising but allowing the law student to provide services with the direct supervision of the mentoring attorney. The mentor shall be required to file or otherwise enter an appearance on behalf of the indigent client should such an appearance be required in accord with Rule 12, Rules of the Supreme Court of Wyoming Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar Association and Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming.

Rule 5. Reports by attorneys and annual report by the bar.

On or before January 30 of each year, each member of the Wyoming State Bar who was an active member during the preceding calendar year shall have reported and obtained the board's accreditation for a minimum of 15 hours of continuing legal education. Reports for the attendance of individual seminars or courses of study throughout the calendar year shall include the title of programs attended, the sponsoring

agency, the number of hours in actual attendance at each such program, and such other information as the board shall require. Upon completion of a WYPBO matter, the participating attorney shall receive a letter from the WYPBO director certifying the number of hours of credit earned for the representation. The attorney shall report this activity on the same form as described above and attach a copy of the certification letter. An attorney shall not be required to comply with this rule or comply under the requirements of Rule 3 for the year during which such attorney was admitted to practice.

As soon as practicable after January 30 of each year, the Wyoming State Bar shall issue to each active member a current record of such member's accredited legal education, based on seminars, WYPBO activities or courses of study attended by the attorney and approved by the board.
