

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

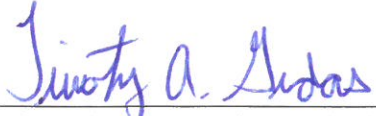
O R D E R

In an effort to address the lack of available counsel to represent indigent parties in cases contemplated by Supreme Court Rules 47 and 48, the Supreme Court authorizes inactive status attorneys who elect a status with the New Hampshire Bar Association of Limited Active to accept assigned, contract and pro bono cases for the purpose of representing such indigent parties, provided that the attorney's license to practice law has not been suspended. Any court rule, Rule of Professional Conduct, or provision in the New Hampshire Bar Association's Constitution or Bylaws regulating the unauthorized practice of law shall not apply to such representations while this Order remains in effect. The Bar dues for attorneys who limit their practice of law to the performance of this service pursuant to this Order will remain at the Limited Active rate and any mandatory continuing legal education (NHMCLE) and Trust Account Certificate requirements shall be waived in any year during which a practitioner has accepted no less than three indigent client cases. The Judicial Council and the trial courts will administer the appointment of such attorneys to qualifying criminal cases and the Judicial Council shall identify and report the names of each participating practitioner as they enter the panel, but no later than April 1 of each year, to the Bar Association's Member Records Coordinator.

To address the lack of counsel in the provision of civil legal services, the Supreme Court authorizes the waiver of mandatory continuing legal education (NHMCLE) and Trust Account Certificate requirements for those attorneys with Limited Active status who volunteer pro bono service through 603 Legal Aid, NH Legal Assistance (NHLA), and Disabilities Right Center – NH (DRC). Those attorneys are strongly encouraged to volunteer for approved civil legal services

through one or more of the above-named legal services agencies for a minimum of 40 hours annually. The Executive Director of each legal services provider will report the names of all qualifying attorneys by the April 1 deadline.

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ATTEST: 

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