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To All Persons Eligible to Receive Appointments under:

Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:07, Fee Generating Appointments

RE: MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

I write to inform you that beginning in 2008 the hourly requirement for continuing professional education for all persons certified to receive fee generating appointments in the Probate and Family Court pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:07 has been amended by the addition of the following:

For those professionals who have been on a fee generating list for **at least five (5) years**, the hourly requirement for continuing professional education for that list will be reduced to **three (3) hours, to be taken on an every other year basis**. Thus, if you have already been on a list for five or more years, you will be required to fulfill **three (3) hours** of training for each list that you appear on this calendar year. Going forward, your next mandatory requirement will be in **2010** and every other year thereafter. If your name appears on a number of different lists, please be advised that the requirement pertains to each individual list, not a combination of two or more.

For those professionals who have been on a fee generating list for **less than five (5) years**, you must continue to take **six (6) hours** of relevant continuing education courses for that list until you reach the five year mark. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Leahy, List Coordinator, at the Probate and Family Court Administrative Office, 617-788-6600 or at cynthia.leahy@jud.state.ma.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula M. Carey
Chief Justice

cc: Hon. Margaret H. Marshall, Chief Justice
Hon. Robert A. Mulligan, Chief Justice for Administration and Management