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Ms. Susan Gray
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Dear Ms. Gray:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-06, which proposes to amend SCR 31.05 to allow continuing legal education credit (CLE) for teaching a legal specialty course in a paralegal program approved by the American Bar Association. In response, I consulted both the Board and our staff about this petition. Neither the Board nor our staff can recall having received any recent requests to approve CLE credit for attorneys who have taught a legal specialty course at an ABA approved paralegal program.

While this category is not specifically approved for CLE credit under the existing supreme court rules, attorneys interested in seeking such approval can submit their requests to the Board for its consideration under SCR 31.07 (2) (f). The Board would then review the individual submissions and make a determination as to whether the activity should be approved for continuing legal education credit. Engaging in a case-by-case review of such requests is preferable to having attorneys petition the court for what would effectively become individualized continuing legal education course approval. In an effort to avoid burdening the court with such requests, the existing provisions provide an adequate means by which attorneys can seek approval for continuing legal education activities that are not specifically delineated within the current rules. Because there are other procedural mechanisms in place to review such requests, the proposed amendment to SCR 31.05 does not appear to be necessary.

Should you need any additional information or if I can be of further assistance regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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