

# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

## COMMISSION ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CLE CREDIT FOR ATTORNEYS WHO SERVE AS POLL WORKERS ON ELECTION DAY**

Each election, thousands of Ohioans dedicate themselves to sustaining the backbone of democracy—our election process. Poll workers are essential to ensuring that our elections are fair, accessible, secure, and accurate, and in doing so, maintain the traditions of our past and our hope for the future. Upon the request of the Ohio Secretary of State, the Supreme Court of Ohio will award CLE credit to any Ohio attorney who serves as a poll worker on Election Day.

Originally ordered on July 22, 2020, the Supreme Court is now permanently permitting attorneys to earn CLE credit for training and serving as a precinct election official on Election Day.

#### **1. How do I get CLE credit for serving as a precinct election official (“PEO”), commonly referred to as a poll worker?**

To earn four (4) hours of general CLE credit, an attorney must do the following:

- i. Complete the Secretary of State Precinct Election Official Training and
- ii. Serve as a PEO for their county board of elections on Election Day.

#### **2. Will I receive CLE credit if I only attend the Precinct Election Official Training?**

No. The order specifies that an attorney must take the training and serve for a full day as a PEO to receive CLE credit.

#### **3. Do I have to serve for a full day as a PEO?**

Yes. Generally, PEOs are expected to be at the polls at 5:30 am and remain on duty until after the close of polls at 7:30 pm.

#### **4. How will I receive the CLE credit?**

As with any CLE program, attorneys are expected to sign in and provide their attorney registration number at the training and at the polling location. The [County Board of Elections](#) will submit to the Secretary of State a list of attorneys who completed the training and served as a PEO on Election Day. The Secretary of State will then submit the CLE hours within 30 days to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

#### **5. How do I sign up to be a Precinct Election Official (Poll Worker)?**

Please visit the [PEO Sign Up Page](#) on the Ohio Secretary of State website to sign up to be a Precinct Election Official.