



New MCLE Rules take effect January 1, 2016

Beginning with Lawyers in Reporting Period: January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016

MCLE Rules	Current Rule	New Rule (January 1, 2016)
Credit Requirements	Lawyers are required to earn 45 credits over three years	No Change - Lawyers are required to earn 45 credits over three years
Ethics Credits	Lawyers are required to earn a minimum of 6 credits in ethics and professional responsibility	No Change – Lawyers are required to earn a minimum of 6 credits in ethics and professional responsibility
Black Letter Law “Law and Legal Procedure”	No requirement to earn credits in black letter law	Change - Lawyers are required to earn 15 credits attending courses in black letter law
Other Approved Subject Areas	Limited subject areas outside black letter law approved for MCLE credit	Change - The 24 remaining credits can be earned in the above categories, as well as in new subject areas that include: -professional development -personal development and mental health -office management -improving the legal system
Credit Caps	Credit caps on pro bono credits, self-study credits, and participation in law school competitions	Change - No credit caps on activities for earning credits
Live Credit Requirement	At least half of all total credits must be “live”	Change - No requirement for “live” credits
Presenter Prep Time Credits	Maximum 10 prep time hours per course, regardless of presentation time	Change - Maximum of 5 prep time hours per one hour of presentation time
Writing Credits	No minimum length required to earn credit	Change – Minimum 10 pages required
Mentoring	No credit earned for mentoring	Change - Credits can be earned by mentors and mentees for qualifying mentoring activities
Sponsor Application Deadline	Certain types of sponsors have to apply for accreditation at least 14 days in advance of a course or pay a late fee	Change - All sponsors must apply for accreditation at least 15 days in advance of course or pay a late fee

