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Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

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The Nebraska Supreme Court Rule mandating continuing legal education requires all active attorneys complete 10 hours of continuing legal education per year beginning in 2010. To maintain transcripts, to submit programs not already approved and search for Guardians ad litem (GAL), please visit the Nebraska Attorney Services Division website.

In response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Nebraska Supreme Court has determined it necessary to allow all 10 required credits to be obtained without attending live education (regular/traditional class type) for 2022. As attorneys file annual reports for 2022 in December, reports that have no live education will be accepted when they contain at least 10 total credits including 2 that qualify as professional responsibility/ethics. Contact the MCLE Help Desk at 402.471.3137 or nsc.mcle@nebraska.gov with any questions about CLE requirements for attorneys or submission and reporting procedures for CLE sponsors.

Oversight & Governance

The Nebraska Supreme Court created the Nebraska MCLE Commission to monitor compliance with the MCLE rule, approve vendors of CLE and ensure attorney compliance.

Nebraska Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Commission MCLE Rules

Attorneys' Information

Requirements

All active attorneys are to complete 10 hours of continuing legal education, including 2 hours of ethics or professional responsibility, per calendar year beginning in January 1, 2010.

Where to Go for Education

Sources of CLE in Nebraska are Nebraska MCLE Commission accredited sponsors or approved courses by a non-accredited provider. The programs of an accredited CLE sponsor shall generally be considered approved for CLE credit so long as the sponsor's accreditation remains active. When attorneys attend courses from accredited sponsors, the sponsor must submit the course for approval by the MCLE Commission. If attorneys cannot find the activity number for a course by an accredited

sponsor, they should check with sponsor for the activity number. Accredited sponsors and providers of approved courses are required to report attorney attendance and CLE credits earned after each education activity. List of Accredited Sponsors

If the attorney chooses to complete a course or education activity from an non-accredited provider and/or non-approved course for the purposes of CLE credit, the attorney will need to submit a request for CLE credit on their own behalf, which would be subject to approval by the MCLE Commission.

Check the MCLE website for approved courses by accredited and non-accredited sponsors.

Other sources of CLE may include offerings in other states, pending approval from the Nebraska MCLE Commission

Reporting, Requesting Credit

Attorneys are to the use the ASD website to record education completed, submit requests for CLE approval and complete all other administrative tasks related to MCLE.

Providers' Information

Interested in Providing CLE in Nebraska?

If you are interested in providing CLE in Nebraska, you will need a sponsor-user account on Nebraska ASD website in order to submit your application(s). Contact the Nebraska ASD Help Desk at 402-471-3137 or nsc.mcle@nebraska.gov to request a sponsor-user account. Your organization may apply for accredited provider status or request approval of individual educational offerings available to Nebraska attorneys.

Option 1 - ACCREDITED PROVIDERS/SPONSORS

The legal education programs of an accredited CLE sponsor shall be automatically approved for CLE credit so long as its status as an accredited CLE sponsor remains active. \$200 Application Fee + \$25 application fee per program.

Applications for accredited sponsor status must be made through a sponsor-user account for the MCLE website. Accredited sponsors must a history of providing legal education for at least five years. Be sure to include a list or chart summarizing your CLE offerings from the last two years, including detailed materials for three offerings, with your application.

Option 2 - INDIVIDUAL COURSE APPROVAL, NOT-ACCREDITED

Use the online system to request approval CLE credit of an educational activity available to attorneys practicing in the State of Nebraska. Application for approval must be made at least 10 days before the proposed activity. \$50 Application Fee.

Provider's/Sponsor's Website Tutorial

Questions About MCLE?

Please submit your questions about MCLE to nsc.mcle@nebraska.gov or call 402.471.3137. The MCLE

Commission staff will respond to all inquiries received.