
Attorney Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Requirements by State

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Alabama

Alabama State Bar

415 Dexter Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36104

(334) 269-1515

www.alabar.org

e-mail: cle@alabar.org

- 12 total hours per calendar year of CLE.
- 1 hour of which must be a mandatory ethics/professionalism course.

Alaska

Alaska Bar Association

550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 1900

Anchorage, AK 99501

907-263-1841 direct

907-272-2932 fax

cle@alaskabar.org

www.alaskabar.org

- 3 hours of mandatory ethics (ECLE) per year.
- 9 additional hours of voluntary CLE (VCLE) are encouraged.
- Annual reporting requirements for both ECLE and VCLE hours .
- Reporting deadline is December 31st.

Arizona

State Bar of Arizona

4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288

(602) 340-7302

www.myazbar.org

- 15 hours per calendar year which must include 3 hours of ethics/professional responsibility, professionalism, substance abuse, or ADR.

- Reporting date is September 15th.

Arkansas

Supreme Court of Arkansas

Office of Professional Programs

Justice Building

625 Marshall Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 374-1855

(501) 374-1853 Fax

<http://courts.state.ar.us>

- 12 hours per year including 1 hour of legal ethics.

- Reporting date is June 30th.

California

Office of Certification

The State Bar of California

180 Howard Street, 8th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94105

(415) 538-2100

www.calbar.ca.gov

- 25 hours over 3-year period including 4 hours of legal ethics; 1 hour substance abuse and 1 hour elimination of bias in the profession.

- Reporting date is January 31st .

Colorado

Colorado Supreme Court

Board of Continuing Legal & Judicial Education

1560 Broadway, Suite 1820

Denver, CO 80202

303-866-6500

www.coloradosupremecourt.com

information@cle.state.co.us

- 45 hours over 3-year period including 7 hours legal ethics, professionalism.
- Reporting date is anytime within 3 year period.

Connecticut

Connecticut Bar Association

30 Bank Street

PO Box 350

New Britain, CT 06050-0350

<http://www.ctbar.org/>

- No CLE required.

Delaware

Commission on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of Delaware

Carvel State Office Building

820 N. French Street, 11th Floor

Wilmington, DE 19801-3545

www.courts.state.de.us

- 24 hours over 2-year period including 4 hours Enhanced Ethics, Fundamentals of Law 3-day series for new admittees (within 4 years of admission).
- Reporting date is December 31st.

Florida

Legal Specialization & Education Department

The Florida Bar

650 Apalachee Parkway

Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

(850) 561-5842

(850) 561-5660 Fax

www.flabar.com

e-mail: gdrake@flabar.org

- 30 hours over 3-year period including 5hours legal ethics, professionalism, substance abuse, or mental illness awareness; basic skills course for newly admitted attorneys.

- Reporting date is assigned monthly every 3 years.

Georgia

Georgia Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency

104 Marietta Street, NW Ste. 100

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 527-8710

(404) 527-8717 Fax

- 12 hours per year including 1 hour legal ethics, professionalism, basic skills within 1st 2 years, ADR 3 hours one time only.

- Reporting date is January 31st.

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Guam

Guam Bar Asssocation

655 S. Marine Corps Dr.

Suite 202

Tamuning, Guam 96913

011/671/648-5050

011/671/646-9403 (Fax)

www.guambar.org

- 10 hours per year including 2 hour legal ethics or professionalism.
- Reporting period is January 1 - December 31.
- Reporting date is January 31st.

Hawaii

Hawaii State Bar Association

1132 Bishop Street, Suite 906

Honolulu, HI 96813

<http://www.hsba.org/>

- No CLE requirement.

Idaho

Idaho State Bar

P.O. Box 895

Boise, ID 83701-0895

(208) 334-4500

(208) 334-4515 Fax

www2.state.id.us

- 30 hours over 3-year period including 2 hours legal ethics, basic skills course for new admittees.
- Reporting date is every 3rd year depending on year of admission.

Illinois

CLE Board of the Supreme Court of Illinois

200 West Madison Street, Suite 3420

Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 924-2420

e-mail: CLE@CLEboard.org

www.CLEboard.org

- 20 hours of CLE activity during the initial two-year reporting period, which ends June 30, 2008 for attorneys whose last name begins with A-M and June 30, 2009 for attorneys whose last name begins with N-Z.

- CLE increases to 24 hours for the subsequent reporting period. 4 of the total hours required for any two-year period must be in the area of professionalism, diversity issues, mental illness and addiction issues, civility, or legal ethics.

- Reporting date is June 30th.

Indiana

Indiana Commission for CLE

Merchants Plaza

South Tower #1065

115 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204-3417

(317) 232-1943

(317) 233-1442 Fax

www.in.gov/judiciary/cle

- 36 hours over 3 calendar year period with 6 hour minimum per year including 3 hours legal ethics.

- Reporting date is December 31st.

Iowa

Commission on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of Iowa

Judicial Branch Building

1111 East Court Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

(515) 725-8029

(515) 725-8032 Fax

- 15 hours per calendar year including 2 hours legal ethics every 2 years.
- Reporting date is March 1st.

Kansas

Kansas CLE Commission

400 S. Kansas Avenue

Ste. 202

Topeka, KS 66603

(785) 357-6510

www.kscle.org

- 12 hours per year including 2 hours legal ethics.
- Reporting date is 30 days after program.

Kentucky

Kentucky Bar Association

514 West Main Street

Frankfort, KY 40601-1883

(502) 564-3795

(502) 564-3225 Fax

www.kybar.org

e-mail: jclark@kybar.org

- 12.50 hours per year including 2 hours legal ethics, new lawyer skills training within 12 months of admission.
- Reporting date: June 30th.

Louisiana

Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on CLE

2800 Veterans Memorial BLVD., Ste. 310

Metairie, LA 70002-6130

504-828-1414

504-828-1416 (Fax)

www.lsba.org

- 12.50 hours per year including 1 hour ethics and 1 hour professionalism.
- Newly admitted attorneys need 12.50 hours including 8 hours ethics, professionalism or law practice management.
- CLE Completion deadline is December 31. Reporting date is January 31st.

Maine

Board of Overseers of the Maine Bar

P.O. Box 527

Augusta, ME 04332-0527

(207) 623-1121

(207) 623-4175 Fax

www.mecle.com

- 11 hours per year including 1 hour ethics/professional responsibility.
- Reporting date is annually in connection with filing of registration statement required by Maine Bar Rule 6(a).

Maryland

Maryland State Bar Association

520 W. Fayette St

Baltimore, MD 21201

<http://www.msba.org/>

Phone: 410-685-7878

- No CLE requirement.

Massachusetts

MBA Boston Massachusetts office

20 West St.

Boston, MA 02111-1204

(617) 338-0500

MBA Western Mass. office

73 State St.

Springfield, MA 01103

(413) 731-5134

<http://www.massbar.org/>

- No CLE requirement.

Michigan

State Bar of Michigan

Michael Franck Building

306 Townsend Street

Lansing, Michigan 48933-2012

Phone: (517) 346-6300

Toll Free: (800) 968-1442

Fax: (517) 482-6248

<http://www.michbar.org/>

- No CLE required.

Minnesota

Minnesota Board of CLE

180 East 5th Street, Suite 950

St. Paul, MN 55101

(651) 297-7100

(651) 296-5866 Fax

www.mbcle.state.mn.us

- 45 hours over 3-year period, 3 hours legal ethics, 2 hours elimination of bias required, maximum of 6 hours law office management.

- Reporting date is August 30th.

Mississippi

Mississippi State Bar

P. O. Box 369

Jackson, MS 39205-0369

450 High Street, Jackson, MS 39201

(601) 576-4622

(601) 576-4733 Fax

www.mssc.state.ms.us/cle_bccr/cle_bccr.html

- 12 hours per year including 1 hour legal ethics, professional responsibility, or malpractice prevention each year.

- Reporting date is July 31st.

Missouri

Missouri Bar Center

P. O. Box 119

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0119

(573) 635-4128

(573) 659-8931 Fax

www.mobar.org

- 15 hours per year including 3 hours ethics every 3 years, new admittees 3 hours professionalism, legal/judicial ethics within 12 months.

- Reporting date is July 31st.

Montana

Montana Board of CLE

P. O. Box 577

Helena, MT 59624

(406) 442-7660

(406) 442-7763 Fax

www.montanabar.org

e-mail: statebar@ixi.net

- 15 hours per year including a minimum of 5 hours of ethics every 3 years.
- Reporting date is March 1st.

Nebraska

Nebraska State Bar

635 S. 14th Street

PO Box 81809

Lincoln, NE 68501

<http://www.nebar.com/>

- No CLE requirements.

Nevada

Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education

295 Holcomb Avenue, Ste. A

Reno, NV 89502

(775) 329-4443

(775) 329-4291 Fax

www.nvbar.org

e-mail: nevadacleboard@sbcglobal.net

- 12 hours per year of which 2 must be in ethics.
- Reporting date is March 1st.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Minimum CLE Board

2 Pillsbury Street, Suite 300

Concord NH 03301-3502

603.715.3222 Direct Dial

603.224.6942 NHBA

603.224.2910 Fax

www.nhbar.org/NHCLE

- 12 hours per year/at least 6 from out of the office live programs, including 2 hours legal ethics/professionalism, or substance abuse.
- Reporting date is August 1.

New Jersey

New Jersey State Bar

1 Constitution Sq

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

(732) 249-5000

www.njsba.com

- No CLE requirement.

New Mexico

New Mexico CLE

P.O. Box 93070

Albuquerque, NM 87199

(505) 797-6015

(505) 797-6097 Fax

www.nmCLE.org

- 12 hours per year including one (1) hour ethics, one (1) credit must be professionalism.
- Reporting date is December 31st.

New York

New York State Continuing Legal Education Board

25 Beaver Street, 11th Floor

New York, NY 10004

(212) 428-2105

(212) 428-2188 Fax

www.courts.state.ny.us

- Newly Admitted Attorneys: Practicing less than 2 years in NY (or less than 5 years in another jurisdiction immediately preceding admission to the NY Bar.).
- 32 hours of "transitional" education within the first two years admission to the Bar.
- 16 hours completed each year including 3 hours ethics/professionalism, 6 hours practical skills, 7 hours practice management and areas of professional practice. ("Transitional" courses help the newly admitted attorney develop a foundation in practical skills, techniques and procedures essential to the practice of law.).
- Experienced Attorneys: 24 hours over two year period including 4 hours ethics/professionalism.
- Reporting period is every two years from the time admitted to the bar.

North Carolina

North Carolina State Bar

208 Fayetteville Street Mall

P.O. Box 26148

Raleigh, NC 27611

(919) 733-0123

(919) 821-9168 Fax

www.ncbar.com

- 12 hours per year including 2 hours ethics, 9 of the 12 hours in practical skills during first 3 years of admission, and 1 hour substance abuse or debilitating mental conditions every 3 years.

- Reporting date is February 28th.

North Dakota

North Carolina State Bar

208 Fayetteville Street Mall

P.O. Box 26148

Raleigh, NC 27611

(919) 733-0123

(919) 821-9168 Fax

www.ncbar.com

- 45 hours over 3-year period, 3 hours ethics every 3 years.Â

- Reporting date is June 30th.

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Ohio

Supreme Court of Ohio

Commission on Continuing Legal Education

65 South Front Street

Columbus, OH 43215-3431

(614) 387-9000

www.sconet.state.oh.us

- 24 hours every two years including 2 hour of ethics based on the Code of Professional Responsibility, 1 hour of professionalism based on A Lawyerâ€™s Creed and A Lawyerâ€™s Aspirational Ideals and thirty minutes of substance abuse education that includes a discussion of prevention, detection, causes and treatment alternatives.Â

- An attorneyâ€™s reporting date is determined by the alphabetical grouping of the attorneyâ€™s last name and is every two years on January 31st.

Oklahoma

CLE Commission

Oklahoma State Bar

1901 North Lincoln Blvd.

P.O. Box 53036

Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3036

(405) 524-2365

(405) 524-1115 Fax

www.okbar.org

- 12 hours per year including 1 hour ethics.
- Reporting date is February 15th.

Oregon

Oregon State Bar

5200 S. W. Meadows Road

P.O. Box 1689

Lake Oswego, OR 97035-0889

(503) 620-0222 x368

(503) 684-1366 Fax

www.osbar.org/programs

e-mail: dcline@osbar.org

- 45 hours over 3-year period including 6 hours ethics, 1 of those 6 hours on child abuse reporting, 3 of the general hours must be in courses pertaining to the role of lawyers concerning racial and ethnic issues, gender fairness, disability issues, and access to justice. New admittees-15 hours of which 10 must be in practical skills and 2 hours in ethics.
- Reporting date is December 31st every 3 years.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board (PACLE)

5035 Ritter Road

Ste. 500

P.O. Box 869

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

(800) 497-2253 / (717) 795-2139

(717) 795-2120 Fax

www.pacle.com

- 12 hours per year for all 3 compliance groups. 1 hour ethics, professionalism, or substance abuse and a minimum of 11 hours of substantive law, practice and procedure, CLE for ethics, professionalism, or substance abuse may be applied to any substantive law, practice and procedure requirement, no more than two times the current annual CLE requirement may be carried forward into the two succeeding years.

- Reporting date is 30 days after CLE program.

Puerto Rico

Supreme Court of Puerto Rico

Universidad de Puerto Rico

P.O. Box 23349

San Juan, PR 00931-3349

(787) 999-9651

(787) 999-9603 (Fax)

wwazquez@law.upr.edu

- 24 credit hours of continuing legal education per compliance period.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island CLE Commission

250 Benefit Street, 4th Floor

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 222-4942

(401) 222-3599 Fax

www.courts.state.ri.us

- 10 hours per year including 2 hours ethics.

- Reporting date is July 1st to June 30th annually.

South Carolina

Commission on CLE and Specialization

Supreme Court of South Carolina

P.O. Box 2138

Columbia, SC 29202

(803) 799-5578

(803) 799-4118 Fax www.comCLE.org/

- 14 hours per year including 2 hours ethics/professional responsibility each reporting period.

- Reporting date is March 1st.

South Dakota

222 E Capitol Ave # 3

Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 224-7554

www.sdbar.org

- No CLE requirement.

Tennessee

Tennessee Commission on CLE and Specialization

221 Fourth Ave. North, Ste. 300

Nashville, TN 37219

(615) 741-3096

(615) 532-2477 Fax

www.cletn.com

e-mail: info@cletn.com

- 15 hours per year. Including 3 hours ethics/professionalism.

- Reporting date: is March 1st.

Texas

State Bar of Texas

P.O. Box 13007

Austin, TX 78711-3007

(800) 204-2222 x2106

(512) 463-1463 x2106

(512) 463-1498 Fax

www.texasbar.com

- 15 hours per year including 3 hours legal ethics.
- 1 hour of the 3 hours of legal ethics may be completed thorough self-study.
- 5 hours of the total 15 hours may be completed thorough self-study.
- Reporting date: last day of birth month each year.

Utah

Utah Law and Justice Center

645 South 200 East, Ste. 312

Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3834

(801) 531-9077

(801) 531-0660 Fax

CLE@utahbar.org

- 27 hours every 2 years including 3 hours ethics each reporting period.
- Reporting date is the end of second year compliance period.

Vermont

Vermont CLE Board

C/O Vermont Supreme Court

109 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05609-0702

(802) 828-3281

(802) 828-3457 Fax

www.vermontjudiciary.org

e-mail: joann@supreme.crt.state.vt.us

- 20 hours over 2 years including 2 hours ethics each reporting period.

- Reporting date is July 15th.

Virginia

Virginia State Bar

8th and Main Bldg.

707 E. Main Street, Ste. 1500

Richmond, VA 23219-2803

(804) 775-0578

(804) 775-0501 Fax

www.vsb.org

e-mail: cartwright@vsb.org

- 12 hours per year including 2 hours ethics each reporting period.

CLE compliance deadline October 31.

- Reporting date is December 15th.

Virgin Islands (U.S.)

Virgin Islands Bar Association

P.O. Box 4108

Christiansted, VI 00822

(310) 778-8855

(307) 632-3737 Fax

www.vibar.org

- 12 hours per calendar year including 2 hours ethics or professionalism.

- Reporting date: January 31st (first reporting date, January 31, 2009).

Washington

Washington State Board of CLE

Washington State Bar Association

2101 Fourth Avenue, 4th Floor

Seattle, WA 98121-2330

(206) 733-5912

(206) 727-8320 Fax

www.courts.wa.gov

- 45 hours over 3 years including 6 hours ethics, professional responsibility, professionalism, anti-bias and diversity.
- At least 30 credits must be earned by attendance at live CLEs, and up to 15 may be earned by self-study.
- Reporting date: January 31st.

West Virginia

West Virginia CLE Commission

2006 Kanawha Blvd., East

Charleston, WV 25311-2204

(304) 558-7992

(304) 558-2467--Fax

www.wvbar.org

- 24 hours over 2 years including 3 hours ethics or office management or substance abuse per cycle.
- Reporting date is June 30th every 2 years.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners

110 East Main Street, Ste. 715

Madison, WI 53703-3328

(608) 266-9760

(608) 266-1196 Fax #

www.wicourts.gov

- 30 hours over 2 years including 3 hours ethics and professional responsibility.
- Reporting date: December 31st every other year.

Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of CLE

Wyoming State Bar

500 Randall Avenue

P.O. Box 109

Cheyenne, WY 82003-0109

(307) 632-9061

(307) 632-3737 Fax

www.wyomingbar.org

- 15 hours per year including 1 hour ethics.
- Reporting date is January 30th.