

MCLE Regulations Amendment

On December 11, 2000, the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board approved the following amendment to the MCLE Regulations which reflects the existing practices of the board.

PURPOSE

The Virginia Supreme Court has established, by Rule of Court, a mandatory continuing legal education program in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which requires each active member of the Virginia State Bar annually to complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of approved continuing legal education courses, of which at least two (2) hours shall be in the area of legal ethics or professionalism, unless expressly exempted from such requirement.

The Virginia Supreme Court has established a Continuing Legal Education Board to administer the program and has given to it those general administrative and supervisory powers necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Rule, including the power to adopt reasonable and necessary regulations consistent with the Rule.

Pursuant to this authority, these regulations have been adopted by the Continuing Legal Education Board.

REGULATION 101 DEFINITIONS

As used in these regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

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- n) The term "staff" shall mean those members of the Virginia State Bar staff assigned to provide support for the Board.

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REGULATION 103 STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS

- (a) A course is approved for credit if it has been specifically approved by the Board, or by the staff, under delegated authority from the Board for processing approvals of courses that clearly meet all requirements. Courses are also approved for credit if they are presented by an accredited sponsor previously designated by the Board under the provisions of Regulation 105. A course is approved for credit in the area of legal ethics or professionalism if and to the extent specifically approved by the Board. A course presented by an accredited sponsor is also approved for credit in the area of legal ethics or professionalism if and to the extent so represented by such sponsor. Courses which do not meet the standards contained in these regulations will not be approved for credit by the Board or the staff.