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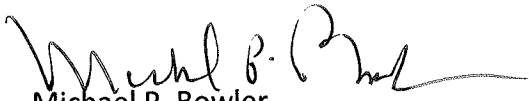
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### **Opinion 13**

#### **Whether Legal Blog Writing Qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Credit**

The Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (Commission) received a request from an attorney who writes and publishes a legal blog focusing on nationwide sick leave laws. The description of the blog provided by the attorney indicates that it is an analysis of “legal developments across the country related to paid sick laws, which primarily includes the substance of the laws and the lawsuits challenging them.” The attorney asks whether his legal blog writing qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit. The opinion of the Commission is that legal blog writing does not qualify for MCLE credit.

Practice Book §2-27A(b)(3) indicates that certain activities involving legal writing qualify for MCLE credit. An attorney may receive credit for “publishing articles in legal publications that have as their primary goal the enhancement of competence in the legal profession, including, without limitation, substantive and procedural law, ethics, law practice management and professionalism.” A legal blog is self-published online and not in a third party “legal publication” as that term is used in §2-27A(b)(3). Accordingly, legal blog writing does not qualify for MCLE credit.



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