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Whether Taking Seminars and Courses Taught by Non-Attorneys Qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

The Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (Commission) received a request whether an attorney may receive MCLE credit for taking a seminar or course taught by a non-attorney. The request described the proposed activity as a lecture to attorneys on the Freedom of Information Act by a non-attorney member of the Freedom in Information Commission. The opinion of the Commission is that this and similar activities qualify for MCLE credit if they meet the content requirement of the MCLE rule.

To receive MCLE credit, an attorney must engage in an activity that meets the delivery and content requirements of the MCLE rule. The activity described by the request meets the delivery requirement of the MCLE rule because it is offered by a governmental agency. Even if the provider was a private entity, however, the delivery content of the rule would be satisfied if the activity was offered to “maintain and enhance the skill level, knowledge, ethics, and competence of the attorney” Practice Book §2-27A(b)(2). Whether the particular program meets the three-part content requirement of Practice Book §2-27A(c)(6) is left to the individual attorney’s good faith judgment.

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