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Whether Taking a Bar Preparation Course to Sit for Another Jurisdiction's Bar Exam 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 bar preparation course to sit for another jurisdiction's bar examination. The requesting attorney is admitted in Connecticut and used an online bar preparation course in anticipation of sitting for the 2017 Florida Bar exam.

To receive MCLE credit, an attorney must engage in an activity that meets the delivery and content requirements of the MCLE rule. The Commission determined that a bar preparation course met the content requirement of the MCLE rule set forth in Practice Book §2-27A(c)(6). The Commission also determined that to meet the delivery requirement of the MCLE rule, the attorney must attend live classes, either in person or remotely via "video conferences, webcasts, webinars" etc., or engage in appropriate self-study of the course through the use of pre-recorded or online media. See Practice Book §§2-27A(b)(1) and (2). Accordingly, the hours spent watching or listening to a bar preparation lecture can count towards MCLE credit. Reading course materials would not count for credit.

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