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Ms. Tracie Lindeman, Clerk of Court  
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201 South Carson Street  
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Re: ADKT 0478--In the Matter of Amendments to SCR 210 Regarding Minimum  
CLE Requirements and Making Mandatory CLE in Substance Abuse, Addictive  
Disorders &/or Mental Health Issues

Dear Ms. Lindeman:

At yesterday's public hearing regarding ADKT 0478, Justice Hardesty requested information regarding the number of CLE credits required by other jurisdictions. CLE Board staff conducted the requested research, reviewing the CLE requirements of jurisdictions that have mandatory continuing legal education. The results are attached (note that not all states have mandatory CLE; also, the list includes Quebec and Puerto Rico).

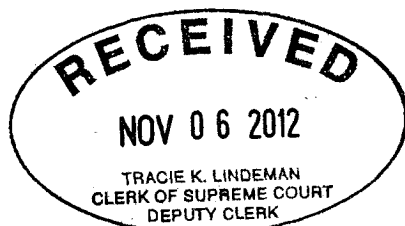
The number of credits listed is the number required annually, unless otherwise noted: a few jurisdictions have two- or three-year CLE requirements rather than annual requirements. In addition, jurisdictions that have a separate requirement akin to the one currently under consideration in ADKT 0478 are marked with a star. Finally, staff's tally on page three indicates that seven jurisdictions require 10 hours per year of MCLE; eighteen jurisdictions require 12 hours per year of MCLE; two jurisdictions require 12.5 hours per year of MCLE; and thirteen jurisdictions require 15 hours per year of MCLE. With 12 hours per year of MCLE, Nevada is about average in the number of hours required per year.

I hope the court finds this information to be useful.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MCLE Overview****MCLE Requirement (Hours Required)**[\[x\] Close](#)

Jurisdiction	Response	Comment	Last Modified
Alabama	12	One hour of the required 12 must be in the field of Ethics or Professionalism	July 29, 2010
Alaska	3	3 hours of ethics are required annually. An additional 9 hours (general or ethics) are recommended annually.	August 9, 2010
Arizona	15		August 23, 2010
Arkansas	12	A total of 12 hours with at least 1 being ethics.	February 24, 2012
★ California	25	19 General. 4 Legal Ethics. 1 Detection/Prevention of Substance Abuse or Mental Illness. 1 Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession. [Maximum "self-study" hours: 12.5 hours]	August 29, 2011
Canada, Montreal (Quebec)	30	Two-year compliance period	October 19, 2011
Colorado	45	45 hrs. over 3 yrs., 7 of which must be in ethics.	August 9, 2010
Delaware	24	24 Including 4 ethics credits every 2-year reporting period	August 10, 2010
Florida	30	30 General Credits Including 5 towards ethics, professionalism, substance abuse, and/or mental illness awareness	October 13, 2010
Georgia	12	12 hours per year (including 1 ethics hour, 1 professionalism hour) (& 3 trial hours for trial attorneys only)	August 16, 2010
Hawaii	3	Active members are required to complete 3 Professional Education credits and are encouraged but not required to complete 9 substantive law credits annually.	August 11, 2010
Idaho	30	2 Ethics credits	August 18, 2010
Illinois	30	Beginning with the 2010-2012 and 2011-2013 reporting periods and for all future reporting periods, all attorneys need to complete 30 hours of MCLE credit, including six hours approved for professional responsibility credit. Different requirements apply to newly-admitted attorneys.	March 31, 2012
Indiana	36	36 per three year period of which three must be ethics. A minimum of six hours per year is required.	July 28, 2010
Iowa	15	Included in the 15 regular hours per year, each lawyer must attend at least 3 hours of ethics instruction every two years, ending on the odd-numbered year.	March 30, 2012
Kansas	12	12 hours including 2 hours of professional responsibility credit	September 2, 2010
Kentucky	12.50	Including 2.00 ethics credits	October 1, 2010
Louisiana	12.5	12.5 hours per year, including 1 hour each of ethics and professionalism credit. In house counsel conditionally admitted to practice must also comply with this annual requirement. The requirements for newly admitted attorneys differs from those for experienced attorneys.	September 14, 2010
Maine	11	Including 1 hours of ethics	September 8, 2010
Minnesota	45	45 credits are required every 3 years, including 3 ethics and 2 elimination of bias credits. No more than 6 credits may be in law office management.	July 30, 2010

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Mississippi	12	One hour of the required 12 must be in the field of Ethics or Professionalism	August 10, 2010
Missouri	15.0	15 hours annually, including two hours of professionalism, ethics or malpractice prevention credit, required of all Missouri Bar members actively practicing in Missouri during any portion of a July 1-June 30 reporting year.	September 3, 2010
Montana	15	15 hours required each year. 5 ethics credits required every 3 years.	August 17, 2010
Nebraska	10	2 must be in an area of professional responsibility	February 11, 2011
Nevada	12	12 per calendar year, 2.0 of which must be in ethics and professional conduct.	August 19, 2010
New Hampshire	12	At least 2 ethics and 10 general credits in each compliance period, July 1-June 30. Six credits have to be in "live" programming.	July 22, 2010
New Mexico	12	10 general, 2 ethics/professionalism	February 16, 2012
New York	24	Experienced attorneys (admitted to the New York Bar for more than two years) are required to complete 24 credits per biennial reporting cycle, with at least 4 in the Ethics and Professionalism category. The requirements for newly admitted attorneys differs from those for experienced attorneys.	July 19, 2010
★ North Carolina	12	2 ethics and 10 general are required annually. Once every 3 years, attorneys must complete one hour of substance abuse/mental health awareness training.	July 28, 2010
North Dakota	45.0	45.0 credit hours every three years, including 3.0 Ethics credits.	August 26, 2010
★ Ohio	24	24 hours per two year reporting period, including one hour of ethics, one hour of professionalism, and one half hour of substance abuse instruction.	September 3, 2010
Oklahoma	12.0	1 of the required 12 hours must also be approved for legal ethics	March 20, 2012
Oregon	45	45 credits in 3 years including 5 legal ethics and 1 child abuse reporting; 3 access to justice credits in every other reporting period.	March 8, 2012
Pennsylvania	12	12 hours per year, including 1 hour of ethics credit.	July 30, 2010
Puerto Rico	24.00	Including a minimum of 4 Ethics credits and 6 Notary credits (for lawyers with active Notary status).	March 29, 2011
Rhode Island	10	10 credits inclusive of a minimum of 2 ethics credits	February 23, 2012
South Carolina	14		August 13, 2010
Tennessee	15	12 General, 3 EP, 15 Total	August 25, 2010
Texas	15	15 total hours of credit required. Three of the total 15 hours must be completed in the subject area of legal ethics/legal professional responsibility. Three of the total fifteen hours, including one of the ethics/professional responsibility hours can be completed as self-study.	August 2, 2010
Utah	24		August 5, 2010
Vermont	20	Minimum of 20, including a minimum of 2 in legal ethics, 2 in Vermont-approved professionalism, and limited to 10 hours of self-study.	August 25, 2010

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Virginia	12.0	Of which at least 2.0 must be in legal ethics/professionalism and 4.0 must be from live interactive programs	March 2, 2012
Washington	45	45 credits are required every 3 years, of which at least 22.5 need to be live and 6 ethics. No more than 6 credits may be earned for moot court judging.	August 17, 2010
West Virginia	24	at least 3 credits must be earned through any combination of legal ethics, office management, substance abuse and/or elimination of bias in the legal profession	August 19, 2010
Wyoming	15	15 hours per year, including 1 hour of ethics.	February 22, 2012

Number of States

10 hrs

7

12 hrs

18

12.5 hrs

2

15 hrs

13

\* states with separate substance abuse