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RE: Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education Annual Report

Dear Chief Justice Parraguirre:

ADKT 577

On behalf of the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors and the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, and in fulfillment of the Court's Order (ADKT 0577), we are submitting this annual report reflecting attorney compliance with mandatory continuing legal education rules.

The information presented is reflective of the MCLE compliance schedule, which spans two calendar years. Attorneys who fail to complete MCLE requirements by December 31 may be granted an extension until March 1; a non-compliance late fee is assessed following the March 1 deadline.

2020-2021 MCLE Compliance Period

- In January 2021, extensions were granted, and extension fees assessed to 2,326 attorneys who failed to complete their 2020 requirements,
- In March 2021, late fees were assessed to 725 attorneys, and
- CLE suspension orders were issued to 54 attorneys. Of these, 10 attorneys had been suspended in years prior, warranting a referral to the Office of Bar Counsel.

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Summary of Administrative Suspension (Filed June 21, 2021)	
Number of Attorneys	Reason for Suspension
3	Owed Credit Hours Only
2	Owed Fees Only
1	Owed Credits and Affirmation of Attendance
4	Owed Credits and Fees
8	Owed Fees and Affirmation of Attendance
36	Owed Credits, Fees, and Affirmation of Attendance

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2021-2022 MCLE Compliance Period

In preparation for the compliance period ending December 31, 2021, the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education engaged attorneys subject to MCLE requirements with personalized email communications outlining their outstanding credit hour and affirmation requirements owed. These communications were sent four times between November and December 2021. In addition, communications were sent regularly through the State Bar of Nevada's weekly e-News communications, via video instruction, and through social media outlets.

As a result, the number of attorneys requiring extensions to meet their MCLE requirements decreased by 48% and the number of late fees issued decreased by just over 50%. Specifically,

- In January 2022, extensions were granted, and extension fees assessed, to 1,211 attorneys who failed to complete their 2021 requirements, and
- In March 2022, late fees were assessed to 359 attorneys.

Final notices of non-compliance have been mailed to the 359 attorneys who remain non-compliant with their 2021 MCLE requirements; they have 70 days to become compliant before suspension orders are issued.

MCLE Providers

Lastly, the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education continues to uphold its responsibilities through provider accreditation and review of courses submitted by non-accredited providers. In 2021, there were 150 accredited providers and 854 non-accredited providers who submitted courses for credit in Nevada; these numbers are consistent with 2020 provider statistics.

The Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education saw a decrease in the number of accredited providers submitting courses for credit, which is offset by an increase in non-accredited providers. This is likely due to more attorneys submitting courses for credit individually prior to the December 31, 2021, deadline. Of the 4,034 courses submitted for credit by non-accredited providers, only one was denied.

The number of courses submitted for credit by format has remained relatively consistent; however, the shift to on-demand instead of live courses is reflective of post-COVID pandemic practice.

Total Courses Submitted for Credit		
	2021	2020
Accredited	8,570	10,329
Non-Accredited	4,034 ¹	2,910
TOTAL	12,604	13,239

Courses Submitted for Credit by Format		
	2021	2020
Live	2,774	4,306
On Demand	9,805	8,900
Authorship/Editing	25	33

¹ Includes attorneys who submitted courses individually.

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We thank the Court for its continued attention to and support of the Board of Governors and the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education. We remain available to address any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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