

# Illinois Supreme Court MCLE Requirements Newly Admitted Attorneys, *Did You Know*...

...that the MCLE rules—adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court and administered by the MCLE Board of the Court\*—establish a MCLE Board 15-hour accredited MCLE requirement for newly admitted attorneys allowing you to choose from the following compliance options described S. Ct. Rule 793:

- (a) A 6-hour Accredited Basic Skills Course (such as the ISBA's 6 hour Basic Skills Course) **PLUS** 9 additional hours of MCLE credit of your choice (also available from ISBA at <a href="www.isba.org/cle">www.isba.org/cle</a>); **OR**
- (b) Participation in a year-long Mentoring Program approved for 6 credit hours by the Illinois Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism <a href="www.zcivility.org/programs/mentoring/">www.zcivility.org/programs/mentoring/</a> PLUS 9 additional hours of MCLE credit of your choice; OR
- (c) A 6-hour Basic Skills Course **PLUS** Participation in a year-long Mentoring Program approved for 6 credit hours by the Illinois Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism **PLUS** 3 additional hours of MCLE credit of your choice?

Did you know that this requirement for newly admitted attorneys must be completed by the last day of the month that occurs one year after your admission to practice in Illinois? And that you must certify compliance to the Supreme Court's MCLE Board within 31 days after your Basic Skills course year has ended (unless you qualify for an exemption)?

For more information about ISBA's Basic Skills program, please visit: www.isba.org/cle/newadmittees



### Complimentary ISBA Membership/Free CLE

During your complimentary new admittee year of ISBA membership (and each year thereafter of paid ISBA membership), you will receive 15 hours of Free Online CLE, which can be used toward your IL Supreme Court mandated MCLE requirement for newly admitted attorneys by taking ISBA's 6-hour Basic Skills online program and 9 additional online hours of your choice at: <a href="http://onlinecle.isba.org">http://onlinecle.isba.org</a>



#### ISBA New Admittee – Discount

As an ISBA member, you can continue learning new legal skills at live onsite ISBA CLE programs for only \$25 per program for your first five years of admission to the bar. For a complete list of upcoming ISBA CLE programming, please visit: www.isba.org/cle/upcoming



#### Certificates of Attendance

You must retain your MCLE Certificate of Attendance for individual courses (including all courses taken to satisfy the 15-hour course requirement for newly admitted attorneys) for 3 years after the end of the reporting period in case you are audited.



## **Reporting Period**

After completing your **15-hour MCLE requirement for newly admitted attorneys**, your initial two-year MCLE reporting period for CLE requirements will begin the next July **1**<sup>st</sup>, based on the first letter of your last name). As a new admittee, you are able to carry over up to **15** MCLE credit hours to the next reporting period.



## Compliance

You must report MCLE requirement compliance to the MCLE Board. Failure to report in a timely matter will result in late fees and the risk of having your name removed from the Master Roll of Attorneys. More Info: <a href="https://www.mcleboard.org">www.mcleboard.org</a>

\*www.mcleboard.org



## New Admittee IL Supreme Court MCLE Rule Requirements and Deadlines

	Admitted November	Admitted May 2012	Admitted November	Admitted May 2013	Admitted November	Admitted May 2014	Admitted November	Admitted May 2015	Admitted November	Admitted May 2016
	2011	Way 2012	2012	Way 2013	2013	Way 2014	2014	Way 2015	2015	Widy 2010
15-hour Course	Nov. 30,	May 31, 2013	Nov. 30,	May 31, 2014	Nov. 30,	May 31,	Nov. 30,	May 31,	Nov. 30,	May 31,
Requirement must be	2012	-	2013	-	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
completed by:										
Certify Compliance to	Dec. 31, 2012	July 1, 2013	Dec. 31, 2013	July 1, 2014	Dec. 31, 2014	July 1, 2015	Dec. 31, 2015	July 1, 2016	Dec. 31,	July 1, 2017
Supreme Court MCLE									2016	
Board by:										
First 30 Hour MCLE	July 1, 2014 -	July 1, 2016 –	July 1, 2016 –	July 1, 2016 -	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2018			
reporting period for last	June 30,	– June 30,	– June 30,	– June 30,						
names beginning with	2016	2016	2016	2016	2018	2018	2018	2018	2020	2020
A – M:										
First MCLE reporting	July 1, 2013 -	July 1, 2013 -	July 1, 2015 -	July 1, 2015 -	July 1, 2015 —	July 1, 2015 -	July 1, 2017 -	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2017
period for last names	June 30 2015	June 30,	June 30, 2017	June 30,	June 30, 2017	June 30,	June 30,	– June 30,	– June 30,	– June 30,
beginning with N – Z: (30		2015		2017		2017	2019	2019	2019	2019
Hours unless noted)										

You may carry-over to the first reporting period up to 15 hours of MCLE credit, including up to 6 hours of Professional Responsibility MCLE credit that was earned between your date of bar admission and the first day of your first reporting period. **PLEASE NOTE:** Carry-over hours must be in excess of those required in 15-hour course (Supreme Court Rule 794(c)(2)