



Minimum Continuing Legal Education [MCLE] Requirements for Illinois Lawyers

New Admittee MCLE Requirements and Deadlines

	Admitted to Practice in May 2010	Admitted to Practice in November 2010	Admitted to Practice in May 2011
Basic Skills Requirement must be completed by:	May 31, 2011	November 30, 2011	May 31, 2012
Certify Compliance to Supreme Court MCLE Board by:	July 1, 2011	December 31, 2011	July 1, 2012
General MCLE Carry Over Hours Possible To Earn (between Basic Skills compliance and the first day of your first reporting period) <i>Sup. Ct. Rule 794(c)(2)</i>	10 Hours	10 Hours	10 Hours
First 30 Hour MCLE reporting period for last names beginning with A – M:	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014
First 30 Hour MCLE reporting period for last names beginning with N – Z:	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015

To find out more about IL Supreme Court MCLE requirements:

- Visit the MCLE Board website at www.MCLEBoard.org,
- E-mail the Board at MCLE@MCLEboard.org, or
- Read the Illinois Supreme Court MCLE Board Basic Skills information sheet at www.mcleboard.org/PDF/Basic%20Skills%20Course%20Notice.pdf.



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Basic Skills Course & Beyond

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT MCLE REQUIREMENTS

New Admittees, did you know....

... That the MCLE rules – adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court and administered by the MCLE Board of the Court – **require that you complete an MCLE Board accredited 15 hour Basic Skills course within one year of your admission to practice in Illinois, like the ISBA's Basic Skills course available at www.isba.org/basicskills?**

... 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?**

... That **you must report MCLE requirement compliance to the MCLE Board either online at www.mcleboard.org or via the certification form that will be mailed by the MCLE Board to you at the address on file with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission [ARDC]? And that failure to timely report to the MCLE Board will result in late fees and the risk of removal of your name from the Master Roll of Attorneys?**

... That **you should retain your Certificates of Attendance for individual courses – including the Basic Skills course – in your files for three years after**

the end of your reporting period in case you are audited?

... That **after completing the Basic Skills course period, your initial two-year MCLE reporting period begins on the next July 1st, pursuant to the MCLE Board reporting schedule? And that the schedule is based on the first letter of your last name? (See accompanying chart.)**

... That, as a New Admittee, **you are exempt from the General CLE requirements during this one year period and may NOT begin earning General MCLE credit until the 12-month period in which to satisfy the Basic Skills course requirement ends?**

... That **after compliance with the Basic Skills requirement and before your two year reporting period begins, you can earn and carry over up to 10 general MCLE hours, excluding professional responsibility hours?**

... That **you can continue learning new legal skills at live on-site ISBA CLE programs for only \$25 per program for your first three years of admission to the bar? And that you can visit www.isba.org for a full calendar of CLE programs?**

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Fulfill Your IL Supreme Court Basic Skills MCLE Requirement with ISBA's Award-Winning Basic Skills* Course

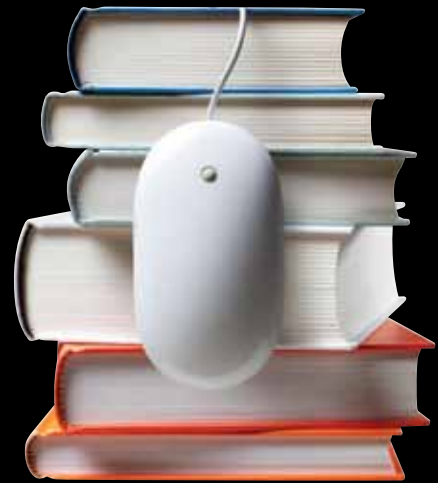
As a New Admittee, you are required by the Illinois Supreme Court to complete a basic skills course, totaling at least 15 hours of instruction {Rule 793}.

The ISBA has designed a course that will not only help you satisfy that requirement, but will help you in your first year of practice, too!

ISBA's New Admittee Virtual Coffeehouse: Basic Skills and More

Program Topics Include:

- Professional Conduct Rules
 - Illinois Procedure
 - Pleading Practice
 - Discovery
 - Depositions
 - Client Communications
 - Your New Legal Career
 - Perspectives from the Bench
 - Effective Legal Research
 - Common Mistakes and Ethical Dilemmas to Avoid
 - Sticky Situations and How to Respond
- And much more!*



ISBA New Admittee Virtual Coffeehouse – Basic Skills and More Online Course

Join ISBA's online learning community featuring four 1½ hour live webinars each week, 9 hours of online streaming programming accessible 24/7, online forums, blogs, new admittee video tips, networking opportunities and more. Just \$99 for the coffeehouse series, which includes the DVD set (upon request).

Visit www.isba.org/cle/newadmittees for more details.

2011 Coffeehouse Sessions:

March 8 - 29, 2011

May 3-24, 2011

September (Dates TBD)

November (Dates TBD)



If you can't join the coffeehouse, ISBA's Basic Skills DVD Course is available for a limited time through **June 15, 2011**. Programming in DVD format with materials included on CD-ROM is just \$69 (plus tax and shipping). Place your order online at www.isba.org/basicskills or call Janice Ishmael at 800-252-8908.



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