

## Responses to “How are Certain MCLE Jurisdictions responding to the Covid 19 Pandemic?”

This information was updated July 14, 2022. If you are a CLereg member or MCLE Jurisdiction and would like information included in this document, please contact Julia Orzeske, CLereg Executive Director at [jorzeske@gmail.com](mailto:jorzeske@gmail.com)

**Disclaimer by CLereg:** This is by no means an exclusive list of all MCLE jurisdictions. The following information was provided to CLereg in response to an informal survey asking what changes their jurisdiction has made in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Conditions are changing rapidly and the responses are fluid.

The user is advised to check the local Department of Health and CDC current guidance as well as the MCLE jurisdictions' websites, orders and statements on the subject. The user may access most MCLE jurisdiction contact information at [www.CLereg.org](http://www.CLereg.org).

**Arkansas:** <https://www.arcourts.gov/attorneys> Arkansas has no limitation on Distance education.

<https://www.arcourts.gov/> Check here for Arkansas Covid 19 Court response.

The Supreme Court of Arizona has issued an Order extending the deadlines for both the completion of mandatory continuing legal education hours and the required affidavit of compliance, solely for the educational year 2019-2020. The deadline for completion of the necessary hours is extended through December 30, 2020; the deadline for submission of the affidavit of compliance is also extended through December 30, 2020.

### **California:**

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/> The State Bar of California has issued [an order](#) extending the late CLE deadline, which was previously June 30, 2020, to September 30, 2020 for attorneys in Group 3 who have not yet completed their MCLE requirement. Failure to complete the requirement by September 30, and pay any outstanding license fees, will result in being enrolled in Involuntary Inactive status.

Information about classes and gatherings may be found here: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/News/COVID-19-Updates>

**Colorado:** a notice has been posted on the main page

<https://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/index.asp> that states in a box: **Possible Business**

**Interruptions:** The Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel is implementing new procedures for certain types of transactions with our Office, effective immediately. Please [click here](#) to get current information about these new procedures and potential operational impacts that may affect you.

This page will be updated (<http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/AboutUs/Notices.asp>) with additional guidance on the office's temporary procedures as issues surrounding COVID-19 evolve.

**Connecticut:** <https://www.jud.ct.gov/mcle/default.htm> has suspended the MCLE Rule for 2020 (attorneys not required to obtain 12 credits per previous). No further guidance has been provided by the Rules Committee.

**Delaware:** <https://courts.delaware.gov/cle/> On March 19, 2020, the Supreme Court of Delaware issued an order regarding make up plans for attorneys who are noncompliant for 2019. The traditional live credit requirement is waived. In addition, the deadlines have been extended: transcript verification is due by 4/30/20; completion of make-up plans is due by 5/31/20 with report of completion due by 6/15/20.

On April 6, the Delaware Supreme Court additionally ordered that: The requirement that at least 12 of the 24 CLE credit hours must be earned by attending in person, live CLE approved courses is waived for the two-year periods ending December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021. All 24 CLE credit hours for those two-year periods may be satisfied by approved courses that do not require an in-person, live appearance. ***By Supreme Court Order dated 10/14/21, the waiver of the live credit requirement was extended through the 12/31/22 compliance period***

**Florida:** <https://www.floridabar.org/>

There is no requirement that courses be live.

CLE Providers may be eligible for refunds for cancelled courses. Courses are approved for 18 months, and CLE providers may request the approval period be expanded.

The Board of Governors Executive Committee approved extending the reporting cycle to August 31, 2020, for anyone reporting in February, March, April and May. (added March 23, 2020)

<https://www.floridabar.org/news/releases/covid19/> CLE reporting deadlines for June and July 2020 have also been

extended to a new reporting deadline of August 31, 2020. This includes the Basic Skills Course Requirement.

**Georgia.** <https://www.gabar.org/> The Georgia Supreme Court temporarily waived requirement of 6 hours of in person CLE. Georgia attorneys may complete all 12 hours of their CLE requirement through self-study, in-house or distance education. This order is effective through March 31, 2021. Read the Court's May 28, 2020 Order here: <https://www.gabar.org/upload/In-Re-State-Bar-Rule-8-106-B-May-28-2020.pdf>

In addition to the in-person waiver, the deadline for 2019 courses was been extended from March 31, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

<https://www.gabar.org/newsandpublications/announcement/announcementdetail.cfm?id=6277409>

**Illinois:** <https://www.mcleboard.org/> On April 20, 2020, the Illinois Supreme Court announced that attorneys in the A-M reporting group have an option for their compliance deadline this year:

1. complete their credits by the current June 30, 2020 deadline and [report](#) Complied to the Board no later than July 31, 2020; **or**

(2) [report](#) Not Yet Complied by July 31, 2020, thereby securing a no-cost extension to September 30, 2020 to complete their credits and [report](#) compliance to the Board.

All attorneys report using [the Board's online reporting system](#). Attorneys who need to submit a report by July 31, 2020 but fail to do so are assessed a late fee. Attorneys and course providers, please call 312-924-2420 with any questions.

**Indiana:** <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/ace/> A Supreme Court order filed on March 31, 2020 waives the distance education credit-hour limitations for attorneys and judges whose three year period ends on December 31, 2020. Attorneys whose educational periods expire on or before December 31, 2022 may report no more than 24 hours of distance education. State level judicial officers whose educational periods ends on or before December 31, 2022 may report no more than 36 hours of distance education. <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2020-20S-ms-239.pdf>

**Idaho:** <https://isb.idaho.gov/licensing-mcle/mcle-info/mcle-compliance/> No changes have been made at this point. The 3-year reporting period that ends on 12/31, with 1/3 of members reporting each year. Teleconferences and webinars qualify for “live” credit.

**Iowa:** Iowa has removed the limitations on distance education (unmoderated CLE). <https://www.iowacourts.gov/opr/attorneys/attorney-practice/continuing-legal-education/>

A memo to Providers on programs affected by Covid 19 is provided here: [https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/Memo\\_re\\_COVID19\\_and\\_CLE\\_programs\\_72365B7B1B1E4.pdf](https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/Memo_re_COVID19_and_CLE_programs_72365B7B1B1E4.pdf)

The Court's order is found here. [https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/Order\\_re\\_Coronavirus\\_Impact\\_on\\_OPR\\_4CF62A42E44CE.pdf](https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/Order_re_Coronavirus_Impact_on_OPR_4CF62A42E44CE.pdf)

**Kansas:** <https://www.kscle.org/> **Administrative Order 2020-RL-033: Order Modifying Continuing Legal Education Attendance and Reporting Deadlines and Waiving Limitation on Prerecorded Programming**

[Administrative Order 2020-RL-033](#) extends until September 30, 2020, the reporting deadline for continuing legal education that is required by Supreme Court rule to be completed between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020. An attorney unable to complete the education within the compliance period is automatically granted an extension until September 30.

The order also waives a limit on continuing education hours delivered by prerecorded programs. Kansas Continuing Legal Education will consider provider applications received after the date of the order through September 30 that seek accreditation for prerecorded programming of more than six hours. Provider applications submitted before the date of the order will not be reconsidered for additional credit hours.

The annual report of continuing education typically sent to active attorneys in August will instead be sent in October 2020.

## **Administrative Order 2020-RL-034: Order Modifying Deadline for Continuing Legal Education Annual Fee and Late Fee**

[Administrative Order 2020-RL-034](#) extends until September 30 the deadline for attorneys to pay the annual continuing legal education registration fee. Payments must be received or postmarked by September 30. If payment is made after the deadline, the attorney must pay a \$50 late fee.

Attorneys who fail to meet the minimum requirements set out in Supreme Court rules for continuing legal education, or who fail to pay the annual fee and any applicable late fee, may be suspended from practicing law.

<https://www.kscourts.org/KSCourts/media/KsCourts/Orders/2020-RL-033.pdf?ext=.pdf>

**Kentucky** The Kentucky Supreme Court has issued an order extending the 2019-2020 CLE compliance deadline to June 30, 2021 and moved the reporting deadline for the 2019-2020 period to August 10, 2021. [https://kycourts.gov/courts/supreme/Rules\\_Procedures/202015.pdf](https://kycourts.gov/courts/supreme/Rules_Procedures/202015.pdf)

**Louisiana:** <https://www.lsba.org/> The Louisiana Supreme Court issued an Order allowing attorneys to report their entire 2020 credits for compliance through self-study. <https://www.lsba.org/documents/MCLE/SCOrder2020.pdf>

Members who are currently delinquent for 2019 may now complete their CLE requirement through unlimited self-study. This allowance applies to those members who are currently delinquent for 2019 and who become compliant by earning and reporting credits by the May 15, 2020 deadline. <https://www.lsba.org/MCLE/>

**Maine:** <https://www.courts.maine.gov/> The Maine Supreme Judicial Court issued an Emergency Order suspending the in-person requirement for Maine Bar Rule 5 CLE programs – programs on recognition and avoidance of harassment and discriminatory communication or conduct related to the practice of law. Maine attorneys may now complete this credit with live webinars, but are still not allowed to take the credit with on demand programming. <https://www.courts.maine.gov/covid19/emergency-order-notice-revised.pdf> .

The Maine Board of the Overseers of the Bar extended the 2018/2019 CLE reporting deadline to May 1, 2020 and will not impose late fees for the 2018/2019 reporting period.

<https://www.courts.maine.gov/covid19.shtml>

**Minnesota:** <https://www.cle.mn.gov/>

The Minnesota Supreme Court issued an Order March 18 suspending the on-demand credit limit for lawyers due to report August 31, 2020 for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 reporting period. In Minnesota, the Rules permit all lawyers to claim 100% of live webinars. Language has been added to the website to advise lawyers that if they have any concerns, they should contact the CLE office – preferably by email.

The order can be found here:

<https://www.cle.mn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Administrative-Order-Establishing-Temporary-Exception-to-Rule-6-D-of-the-Rules-of-the-Minnesota-State-Board-of-1.pdf>

**Mississippi:** Due to issues concerning Covid-19 and the limitations on the ability to gather in-person, the Mississippi Supreme Court has ordered the temporary removal of the limit on CLE credit earned through online programs. For the 2019-2020 CLE reporting year, attorneys may complete their CLE obligations through online, webinars or live, in-person programs. The completion deadline is extended from July 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020, and the reporting deadline is extended to October 15, 2020. This provision includes newly admitted lawyers who are to complete the program by July 31, 2020. These attorneys may also complete this program through online, webinars or live, in-person programs. The deadline for the completion of the new lawyer program has also been extended to September 30, 2020.

The order may be accessed [here](#).

**Missouri:**

[https://mobar.org/site/MCLE/MCLE\\_Home/site/content/MCLE/My\\_MCLE.aspx?hkey=3816c777-d9e3-4ba7-90bf-6746680ce10c](https://mobar.org/site/MCLE/MCLE_Home/site/content/MCLE/My_MCLE.aspx?hkey=3816c777-d9e3-4ba7-90bf-6746680ce10c)

**COVID-19 Extension of Reporting Year:** Pursuant to a Supreme Court of Missouri order effective March 23, 2020, the reporting year for 2019-2020 will be for the 15 months between July 1, 2019, and Sept. 30, 2020. Any extra credit hours earned during the 2019-2020 reporting year may be carried over as prescribed in Regulation 15.05.5. The reporting deadline for the 2019-2020 reporting year is now extended until Oct. 31, 2020. <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=153193>

As of March 13, all in person events have been cancelled.

<https://mobar.org/site/content/News-and-Events/Notices.aspx?WebsiteKey=dd54fe1d-87c8-4d7e-9547-e59fed729541>

**Montana:** <https://www.mtcle.org/> The compliance period ends March 31, 2020. The limitations on self/study on demand courses remains 5 hours per reporting year. Live webinars and teleconferences are considered interactive courses and are counted toward the 10-credit reporting requirement for a compliance period.

**Nebraska:** <https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/attorneys/mandatory-continuing-legal-education-mcle>

*In response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Nebraska Supreme Court has determined it necessary to allow all 10 required credits to be obtained without attending live education (regular/traditional class type) for 2020. As attorneys file annual reports for 2020 in December, reports that have no live education will be accepted when they contain at least 10 total credits including 2 that qualify as professional responsibility/ethics. Contact the MCLE Help Desk at 402.471.3137 or [nsc.mcle@nebraska.gov](mailto:nsc.mcle@nebraska.gov) with any questions about CLE requirements for attorneys or submission and reporting procedures for CLE sponsors.*

Covid related orders and statements may be found here:

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/nebraska-judicial-branch-emergency-status-information/orders>

**Nevada** <https://www.nvcleboard.org/> Nevada has added a “Stay” of Administrative Suspension Pursuant to SCR 212; Governor’s Declaration of Emergency and Directive 009. The normal application of SCR 212 would have required the Board to administratively suspend these attorneys on or about April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commencing April 13, 2020, it was the Board’s intention to notify the attorneys who are not compliant regarding their specific deficiency(ies) and urge them to remedy the same as soon as possible.

All delinquent attorneys have been notified and the majority have complied for 2019.

The Board plans to move ahead and possibly suspend these attorneys at the upcoming Board meeting on September 11, 2020.

**New Hampshire:** <https://www.nhbar.org/nhmcle/art/> There no live course requirement in NH.

All NH Bar sponsored CLEs and meetings will be postponed until at least April 6, 2020, when the situation will be reevaluated. <https://www.nhbar.org/nh-judicial-branch-response-to-covid-19/>

**New Jersey:** In a Court order dated March 10, 2020, the Supreme Court waived, until further order of the Court, the 12 hour in person requirement. As of the date of the order, attorneys may fulfill the 24-hour requirement per 2-year compliance period. <https://www.njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200310b.pdf?c=0MQ>

Here is the language of the New Jersey Supreme court Order:

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY Pursuant to Regulation 201 :8 ("Alternative Verifiable Learning Formats"), the Board on Continuing Legal Education requires that attorneys complete twelve credit hours in the form of live classroom instruction for each two-year compliance period for continuing legal education. In response to the growing public health crisis worldwide and in New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended social distancing to try to minimize exposure to and transmission of the COVID-19 corona virus. It is therefore, for good cause shown, ORDERED that effective immediately and until further order of the Court, the live classroom instruction requirement is relaxed. Until further notice, all twenty-four credit hours for the compliance period may be fulfilled through approved courses offered in alternative verifiable learning formats.

**New Mexico:** [https://www.nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/For\\_Members/MCLE.aspx](https://www.nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/For_Members/MCLE.aspx)  
New Mexico allows unlimited live webcast, webinar or teleseminars to establish compliance, and always have.

Here is where to find Covid 19 information at the New Mexico State Bar site  
<https://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/Home/Nmstatebar/Default.aspx?hkey=38ab9ac5-6cb4-462c-9916-3ae256bf1e84>

The Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico has issued an order extending the MCLE late reporting deadlines. The new deadlines are:

- April 30, 2020: 2019 credits reported with a \$100 late fee
- May 31, 2020: 2019 credits reported with a \$350 late fee
- June 1, 2020: The list of non-compliant attorneys sent to the Supreme Court

<https://www.nmbar.org/NmbarDocs/coronavirus/NMSC-20-8500-010-BarDuesMCLEDelinquency.pdf>

**New York:** New York **New York:** [www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/cle](http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/cle)

In an effort to address the growing concerns related to the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the CLE Board will implement the following changes, effective March 11, 2020 through January 31, 2021:\*

- Newly Admitted Attorneys: Newly admitted attorneys (those admitted to the New York State Bar for two years or less) may participate in Skills CLE courses in the following live, nontraditional formats, where questions are allowed during the program:
  - a. webconference,
  - b. teleconference, and
  - c. videoconferenceby individual participation (self-study) or group participation.
- New York State CLE Accredited Providers (Not Individual Course Providers): NYS CLE Accredited Providers may offer CLE programs in the above-listed formats and the above-listed methods of participation, provided they do so in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in the Program Rules and Regulations.

\*Should conditions warrant, these changes may be extended.

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<http://www2.nycourts.gov/sites/default/files/document/files/2020-09/CLE%20Website%20COVID-19%20Update-9-16-2020.pdf>

**North Carolina:** <https://www.nccle.org/> Effective January 1, 2020 there is no limitation on online CLE hours.

Effective March 16, 2020, and until further notice, please communicate with the State Bar through email only. Attempts to communicate with the State Bar via United States Mail, UPS, FedEx, or facsimile may result in substantial delay.

<https://www.ncbar.gov/news-publications/news-notice/2020/03/communications-with-state-bar-%E2%80%93-email-only/>

**Oregon:** <https://www.osbar.org/mcle/index.html> **ATTENTION MCLE PROGRAM SPONSORS:** IF YOU HAVE TO RESCHEDULE AN APPROVED PROGRAM, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT A NEW ACCREDITATION APPLICATION. SIMPLY EMAIL THE NEW DATE TO [MCLE@OSBAR.ORG](mailto:MCLE@OSBAR.ORG), AND WE WILL AMEND YOUR PROGRAM DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE IN OUR DATABASE AT NO CHARGE.



Links to Court Order and a Supreme Court statement may be found here:  
<https://www.osbar.org/index.html>

There is no live requirement in Oregon.

The compliance deadline has been extended from April 2, 2020 to May 1, 2020 as of March 19, 2020.

**North Dakota.** <https://www.sband.org/page/cle> North Dakota is allowing certain attorneys with a 2020 reporting year to earn all or a portion of their required 45 credits through self-study. The language of this suspension of the relevant policy is as follows:

**North Dakota CLE Commission Temporarily Suspends  
Policy 1.15 Regarding In-Person CLE Attendance**

As a result of the restrictions imposed on in-person conferences because of COVID-19, the North Dakota CLE Commission is temporarily suspending **ND CLE Policy 1.15**. Effective immediately and continuing until further notice attorneys in Reporting Group 3, who report in 2020, will be allowed to earn all or a portion of the required 45 credits through self-study. Three (3) ethics CLE hours will still be required.

The CLE Commission understands this is a fluid situation and is committed to take further steps or modifications if needed.

<https://www.sband.org/news/496604/Important-News-from-the-ND-CLE-Commission.htm>

**Ohio.** <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/CLE/default.asp> The Ohio Commission on CLE extended the deadline for 2018/2019 late compliance to June 29, 2020. The self-study cap for the 2018/2019 late compliance period has been waived.

Detailed information for attorneys may be found here:  
<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/CLE/attorneyNotice.pdf> Dated March 17, 2020.

Fees for sponsors changing a live program into an interactive webinar or other self-study due to cancellation related to the pandemic are being waived.

CLE deadlines for attorneys that are current 12/31/20 or 12/31/21 are not waived.

The following is an excerpt of an email sent Ohio CLE providers on March 24, 2020:

**A. CLE APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY EMAIL**

1. *Sponsors who do not have access to postal services may email CLE applications to [OHCLEapp@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:OHCLEapp@sc.ohio.gov)*

2. ***Only one (1) application should be attached per email.*** Any additional applications will be not be considered since staff must be able to track incoming applications. Therefore, a strict 1:1 ratio will be applied to ensure processing.



3. The application and all related documents should be submitted in **one (1) attachment per email**. Please order the pages as follows:

- a. The applicable [Ohio CCLE application form](#);
- b. Any other CCLE forms, e.g., [interdisciplinary](#), [in-house variance request](#), if applicable;
- c. Detailed time agenda, with any session(s) to be considered for APC credit clearly marked;
- d. Faculty bios; and
- e. Additional information required to process the application.

Attachments are limited to 50 MB, which is adequate for an application form, agenda, bios, and other necessary documents. For example, a one to five-page web-optimized PDF or Word document is generally less than 200 KB. Do not include PowerPoint presentations, which can easily exceed 50 MB.

4. **DO NOT SEND PROGRAM MATERIALS.** If additional information is required, you will be contacted by staff.

5. Include in the subject line of the email the **sponsor id number and the number of the sponsor's submission for that day to allow for sorting** (e.g., 12570/003 would be that sender's third application for the day). For purposes of the "Apply Date," a given day starts at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m. ET. Please do not insert any text in your mail. All information must be in the attachment.

6. The submission must be a PDF or Word document. Any other formats are incompatible with our software and will not be reviewed.

7. Notification of CLE accreditation decisions will be sent by email. **An email address must be included with any application submitted by email.** Letters of CLE accreditation decisions will not be mailed in response to email submissions.

## **B. INVOICING/PAYMENTS**

Invoices will be generated after staff has logged the applications and will be sent by email. At this time, payments must be paid by check payable to the Supreme Court of Ohio and remitted to the address below. Please include the invoice with your payment.

Supreme Court of Ohio  
Attn: CCLE Invoices  
65 S. Front St., 5th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Pennsylvania:** Full COVID accommodation description at: <https://www.pacle.org/>

The Continuing Legal Education Board continues to monitor pandemic recovery and administer policy regarding the rules and regulations for continuing legal education.

Policy regarding distance-learning accommodations is applied by compliance period as detailed below. Continuing legal education requirements for compliance periods ending in 2021 may be completed with credits earned through

live online or pre-recorded online programs. Compliance periods ending in 2022 and 2023 are subject to a cap on pre-recorded distance learning programs. Please review information on your specific compliance group below:

### **Compliance Group 1 - Annual Deadline April 30**

**2021 Compliance Period: 5/1/20 - 4/30/21**

- Twelve (12) hour requirement may be completed with credits earned through live-online or pre-recorded online courses
- Distance learning credits earned during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

**2022 Compliance Period: 5/1/21 - 4/30/22 and 2023 Compliance Period: 5/1/22 - 4/30/23**

- Six (6) credits must be live-online or in-person/classroom
- Up to (6) credits may be completed through pre-recorded online courses
- Only credits through live-online and in-person/classroom courses taken during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

### **Compliance Group 2 - Annual Deadline August 31**

**2021 Compliance Period: 9/1/20 - 8/31/21**

- Twelve (12) hour requirement may be completed with credits earned through live-online or pre-recorded online courses
- Distance learning credits earned during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

**2022 Compliance Period: 9/1/21 - 8/31/22 and 2023 Compliance Period: 9/1/22 - 8/31/23**

- Six (6) credits must be live-online or in-person/classroom
- Up to (6) credits may be completed through pre-recorded online courses
- Only credits through live-online and in-person/classroom courses taken during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

### **Compliance Group 3 - Annual Deadline December 31**

**2021 Compliance Period: 1/1/21 - 12/31/21**

- Twelve (12) hour requirement may be completed with credits earned through live-online or pre-recorded online courses
- Distance learning credits earned during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

**2022 Compliance Period: 1/1/22 - 12/31/22 and 2023 Compliance Period: 1/1/23 - 12/31/23**

- Six (6) credits must be live-online or in-person/classroom
- Up to (6) credits may be completed through pre-recorded online courses
- Only credits through live-online and in-person/classroom courses taken during this period may carry forward (up to two compliance periods)

**All distance-learning credits must be reported by an Accredited Provider of Distance Learning. Please refer to the link below for a list of approved distance learning providers: <https://www.pacle.org/providers/distance-learning>**

**Puerto Rico:** <http://www.ramajudicial.pr/sistema/supremo/PEJC/index.htm>

Puerto Rico has no limitation on distance education hours. The compliance deadline has been extended to May 31, 2020.

Court press releases and orders related to Covid 19 are accessible here.

<http://www.ramajudicial.pr/Prensa/index.html>

**Rhode Island.** <http://www.courts.ri.gov/> The Rhode Island Supreme Court [issued an order](#) suspending the annual CLE requirement for the 2020 compliance year. All CLE credits that would have been used to satisfy the 2020 requirement can be carried over to satisfy the CLE requirements for the 2021 reporting year. Additionally, the Bridge the Gap requirement was suspended. Newly admitted attorneys required to file proof of their attendance at the Rhode Island Bridge the Gap course by June 30, 2020 have until June 30, 2021 in which to file

**South Carolina:** <http://www.commcle.org/> As of June 16, 2020, the South Carolina Supreme Court issued a new Court order for the current 2020-2021 reporting period (March 1, 2020-February 28, 2021) temporarily eliminating the cap on distance learning formats, allowing members to earn all of their annual MCLE via AD format. Members may earn up to 14.00 hours via approved online, teleconference, on-demand, webcast, webinar, and live webcast/webinar format. The order also specifies AD formatted programming in excess of the 14.00 hour limit cannot be carried forward to the next reporting period.

A link to the SC Court Order can be found

at <https://sccourts.org/whatsnew/displayWhatsNew.cfm?indexId=2514>

*The South Carolina Appellate Court Rules provide that members of the South Carolina Bar may obtain no more than eight credit hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) via online or telephonic courses in an annual reporting year. Section V(B)(3), Appendix C to Part IV, SCACR. After consultation with the Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization, and based on the continued development of issues caused by COVID-19 and a potential lack of available in-person courses, this Court finds it appropriate to waive this restriction for the current annual reporting year.*

*Accordingly, lawyers and judges may earn all or any portion of the CLE credit they are required to obtain for the 2020-2021 annual reporting year through online or telephonic programs.<sup>1</sup>*

**<sup>1</sup> This Order does not waive the restriction on carrying forward online and telephone credit in Section A(3) of Appendix C, which provides, "Credit for online and telephone courses in excess of the maximum eight (8) hours per reporting year cannot be carried forward.**

Tennessee: <https://www.cletn.com/>

**On September 14, 2021, the Tennessee Supreme Court Amended Rule 21 to allow all hours for the 2022 compliance year to be earned online. Lawyers seeking reactivation or reinstatement during the 2022 compliance year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, section 30 and Rule 21 are also covered. Hours must be earned by December 31, 2022. <https://www.cletn.com/images/Documents/2022%20CLE%20Order%20Lifting%20Cap%20on%20Distance%20Learning.pdf>**

**Texas:** [https://www.texasbar.com/AM/template.cfm?section=Reporting\\_MCLE\\_Hours](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/template.cfm?section=Reporting_MCLE_Hours)

Texas state bar statement:

### **MCLE Deadlines Extended**

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is making it difficult for some attorneys to complete their MCLE requirements on time. In response, the State Bar of Texas MCLE Department will grant an automatic 60-day extension to attorneys reaching their compliance deadlines in March, April, or May. Attorneys who missed compliance deadlines in January or February will receive an automatic 60-day extension to prevent the assessment of further fees. Attorneys now subject to suspension for failing to comply with MCLE requirements in November or December will have an additional one-month extension. Please contact the MCLE Department at 800-204-2222, ext. 1806, or [mcle@texasbar.com](mailto:mcle@texasbar.com) if you have questions about the extensions or MCLE compliance requirements.

[https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/Coronavirus\\_COVID\\_19/default.htm](https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/Coronavirus_COVID_19/default.htm)

A later order at

[https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/Coronavirus\\_COVID\\_19/Misc.Docket20-9059.pdf](https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/Coronavirus_COVID_19/Misc.Docket20-9059.pdf) appears to grant a further extension to July 15, 2020.

**Utah:** A statement provided at <https://www.utahbar.org/>

Utah is allowing lawyers that comply June 2020 and also June 2021 to earn all of their CLE online. Also, lawyers complying June 2020, will have through September 1, 2020 to complete required CLE hours without paying late filing fees and will have through September 15, 2020 to file Certificate of Compliance reports without paying late filing fees.

The 2020 Compliance Reporting Period Extension does not apply to the 2021 Compliance Reporting Period.

**Below is the notice that was emailed to all Utah lawyers on Friday, April 17th**

### **2020 CLE Compliance Reporting Period**

On March 12, 2020, the Supreme Court authorized the Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal Education “the Board” to suspend the traditional live in-person credit requirement for lawyers reporting in 2020, allowing all required CLE to be fulfilled with online self-study with audio or video presentations, webcasts or computer interactive telephonic programs for the compliance period ending June 30, 2020.

On April 13, 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, the cancellation of in-person CLE courses, and the uncertainty as to when in-person courses may resume, the Supreme Court authorized the Board to extend compliance deadlines for the compliance period ending June 30, 2020. Lawyers will have through September 1, 2020 to complete required CLE hours without paying late filing fees and will have through September 15, 2020 to file Certificate of Compliance reports without paying late filing fees.

### **2021 CLE Compliance Reporting Period**

On April 13, 2020, the Supreme Court authorized the Board to suspend the traditional live in-person credit requirement for lawyers reporting in 2021, allowing all required CLE to be fulfilled with online self-study with audio or video presentations, webcasts or computer interactive telephonic programs for the compliance period ending June 30, 2021.

**PLEASE NOTE: The 2020 Compliance Reporting Period Extension does not apply to the 2021 Compliance Reporting Period.**

**Virginia State Bar** <https://www.vsb.org/site/members/mcle-courses> Each year Active attorneys must complete 12.0 CLE hours, 2.0 of which are in ethics and 4.0 which are live interactive programs. The live interactive requirement can be met by attending live in person, completing a live webcast, or completing a live teleconference. Since the live interactive requirement can be met without leaving home and/or violating any Stay-at-Home orders there are no plans at this time to change the annual CLE requirement.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the completion deadline for the 2020 MCLE requirement [has been extended](#) from October 31 to midnight EST December 31, 2020. The CLE hours must be reported no later than 4:45 p.m. EST February 15, 2021.  
[https://www.vsb.org/site/news/item/compliance\\_covid](https://www.vsb.org/site/news/item/compliance_covid)

**Washington State Bar Association** <https://www.wsba.org/for-legal-professionals/mcle> This statement is provided at the WSBA site:

### **Responding to COVID-19**

As we continue to monitor the evolving developments of COVID-19, and following recommendations from King County Department of Public Health, please know that many upcoming WSBA CLE programs will be offered **via webcast only**. Please contact [cle@wsba.org](mailto:cle@wsba.org) if you have questions about a particular program. We also encourage you to peruse our library of offerings available for on-demand viewing and CLE credit. Thank you. <https://wsba.org/for-legal-professionals/wsba-cle>

**West Virginia State Bar** <https://wvbar.org>

WVSB has published a plan at: <https://wvbar.org/wv-state-bar-coronavirus-plan/>

The WVSB is operating under normal CLE rules for the 2022-2024 reporting period which began on July 1, 2022.

**Wisconsin:** <https://www.wicourts.gov/>

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has issued a temporary order suspending the cap for on-demand credits. The order is effective through December 31, 2020.

<https://www.wicourts.gov/news/docs/cleCovid19.pdf>

**Wyoming:** <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/RULES-OF-THE-WYOMING-STATE-BOARD-OF-CLE-July-2019.pdf> Wyoming attorneys can complete their 15-hour annual requirement online. However, there is an 8-hour limitation for self-study non-interactive/non-participatory programming. The compliance deadline of December 31, 2020 remains unchanged. The CLE Board is continuing to monitor the situation.

