

## Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

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# Whether Guest Lecturing to a Law School Class Qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Credit

The Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (Commission) received a request from an attorney who occasionally guest lectures to law school classes. The attorney asks whether this activity qualifies for MCLE credit. The opinion of the Commission is that attorneys who guest lecture to law school classes are eligible to take MCLE credit for the activity.

To receive MCLE credit for complying with Practice Book §2-27A, attorneys must satisfy the delivery and content requirements of the rule. Practice Book §2-27A(b)(4) provides that an attorneys may teach "legal seminars and courses" as a way of complying with the MCLE requirement. The Commission concludes that subsection (b)(4) covers, among other things, guest lecturing to a law school class.

Attorneys are advised that the subject matter of the lecture must still meet the content requirement of the MCLE rule. See Practice Book §2-27A(c)(6). Assuming, however, that the attorney is satisfied that the content of the lecture is appropriate, the attorney may then take

MCLE credit for it. MCLE credit calculation for this activity is governed by Practice Book §2-27A(c)(2).1

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Practice Book §2-27A(c)(2) provides, "Credit for attorneys preparing for and presenting legal seminars, courses or programs shall be based on one hour of credit for each two hours of preparation. A maximum of six hours of credit may be credited for preparation of a single program. Credit for presentation shall be on an hour for hour basis. Credit may not be earned more than once for the same course given during a twelve month period."