

STANDARDS FOR COURSE ACCREDITATION

Current Rule		New Rule	
<i>Educational Content of Course</i>			
The program or activity shall have significant intellectual or practical content and the primary objective shall be to improve the participant's professional competence as an attorney or judge.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(1) and Reg. 406(A)	No Change.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(A) and Reg. 406(A)
A program or activity for attorneys shall be an organized program of learning dealing with matters directly related to the practice of law, professional responsibility or ethical obligations, law office economics, or similar subjects that promotes the purpose of Gov. Bar R. X. A program or activity for judges shall be an organized program of learning dealing with matters directly related to the law or judicial administration that promotes the purposes of Gov. Jud. R. VI.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(2) and Reg. 406(B)	No Change.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(B) and Reg. 406(B)
<i>Format of Course</i>			
The program or activity may consist of live instruction or other methods as approved by the Commission in advance, including the use of self-study materials, and that are prepared and conducted by an individual or group qualified by practical or academic experience.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(3)	No Change.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(C)
The program or activity shall be presented in a suitable setting, conducive to a good educational environment that provides attendees with adequate writing space or surface.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(4) and Reg. 406(E)	The program or activity shall be presented in a suitable setting, conducive to a good educational environment. The sponsor shall make reasonable efforts to insure that participating attorneys or judges are actively engaged in the CLE activity. Such reasonable efforts include, but not limited to, an announcement at the beginning of the program and after breaks asking participants to turn off phones or electronic devices	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(E) and Reg. 406(I)

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		and to put away newspapers and other materials not related to the CLE activity.	
<i>Course Materials</i>			
Before or at the time of the CLE activity, each attendee shall be provided with course materials in the form of written or electronic media that are of such quality and quantity to indicate that adequate time has been devoted to their preparation and that they will be of value to the participants. If requested by an attendee, the sponsor shall make materials available in written form prior to the activity.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(5) and Reg. 406(D)	Before or at the time of the CLE activity, each attendee shall be provided with course materials in the form of written, electronic or other format that are of such quality and quantity to indicate that adequate time has been devoted to their preparation and that they will be of value to the participants. Although a sponsor may provide materials only in electronic format, the sponsor shall make materials available in written format prior to the activity upon request from an attendee. Course materials in Power Point or other format shall be subject to the same criteria as other materials.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(E) and Reg. 406(D)
<i>Qualifications of Speakers</i>			
The program leaders or lecturers shall be qualified by education, or have the necessary practical skill to conduct the program effectively.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 4(B)(3) and Reg. 406(C)	No Change.	Gov. Bar R. X, Sec. 6(C) and Reg. 406(C)
<i>Course Evaluation</i>			
The sponsor shall develop and implement methods to evaluate its course offerings to determine their effectiveness and the extent to which they meet the needs of attorneys and judges and, upon request from the Commission, provide course evaluations by attendees.	Reg. 406(G)	No Change.	Reg. 406(G)
<i>Accreditation Eligibility</i>			
Attendance at the activity shall be open to all attorneys and judges and shall consist of a minimum of one uninterrupted hour of instruction. Credit shall	Reg. 406(H)	Attendance at the activity shall be open to all attorneys and judges and shall consist of a minimum of one uninterrupted hour of instruction. Credit shall	Reg. 406(H)

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not be awarded for breaks, opening or closing remarks, keynote speeches, meals, or presentations concurrent with the consumption of a meal. Partial hours over the one-hour minimum must be rounded to the nearest one-quarter of an hour.		not be awarded for breaks or opening or closing remarks. Partial hours over the one-hour minimum must be rounded to the nearest one-quarter of an hour.	
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