



## Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

### State of Connecticut Judicial Branch

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**CO-CHAIRS:**

Hon. Elliot N. Solomon  
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Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, Hon. William H. Bright  
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**COUNSEL TO  
COMMISSION:**

Michael P. Bowler, Esq.

Minutes of the Meeting  
Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education  
April 6, 2017

On April 6, 2017, the Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (“Commission”) met by telephone conference call from 9:02 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. A meeting space for members of the public was provided at 100 Washington Street in Hartford.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Elliot N. Solomon, co-chair  
Attorney Frederic S. Ury, co-chair  
Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto  
Hon. William H. Bright  
Hon. Bernadette Conway  
Attorney Lawrence F. Morizio (from Item IV)  
Attorney Rosemarie Paine  
Attorney Louis R. Pepe

Also in attendance were Attorneys Michael P. Bowler, Cathy A. Dowd, and Kerry J. O’Connell Counsel to the Commission, Attorney Martin Libbin, Director of Legal Services, and Attorney Melissa Farley, Executive Director of External Affairs.

- I. The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting. Attorney Paine abstained.
- II. The Commission discussed completed and upcoming MCLE seminars.
- III. The Commission considered a request for opinion from Attorney Robert Tolemo regarding magistrates appointed pursuant to General Statutes §51-1931 and the “practice of law.” The Commission determined that magistrates appointed pursuant to General Statutes §51-1931 provide legal services and are not entitled to take an exemption from the MCLE requirement pursuant to Practice Book §2-27A(a)(5). The Commission decided to prepare the opinion anonymously and to publish the opinion online to aid the bar in understanding the MCLE rule. Further, the Commission decided that once drafted,

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the opinion could be approved by the Chairs and issued under Counsel's signature without additional review by the full Commission.

- IV. The Commission considered a request for an opinion from Attorney Miriam H Sayegh whether her compliance with the continuing education requirements for a real estate broker's license qualifies for MCLE credit. The Commission determined that assuming the courses were prepared for real estate brokers and not exclusively for lawyers, then the activity would not qualify for MCLE credit. The Commission decided to prepare the opinion anonymously and to publish the opinion online to aid the bar in understanding the MCLE rule. Further, the Commission decided that once drafted, the opinion could be approved by the Chairs and issued under Counsel's signature without additional review by the full Commission.
- V-VII. The Commission tabled agenda items V-VII matters for further consideration.
- VIII. Counsel updated the Commission on questions that have been answered by Counsel since the March meeting.
- IX. The Commission adjourned at 10:00 after confirming that the next meeting would be May 4, 2017, beginning at 8:45.