

Minutes of the Meeting  
MCLE Commission  
November 3, 2016

On November 3, 2016, the Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education met by telephone conference call from 9:16 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Elliot N. Solomon, co-chair, from III.  
Attorney Frederic S. Ury, co-chair  
Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto  
Hon. William H. Bright, Jr.  
Attorney Lawrence F. Morizio  
Attorney Rosemarie Paine  
Attorney Louis R. Pepe

Hon. Bernadette Conway was not in attendance at this meeting. Also in attendance were Attorneys Michael Bowler and Elizabeth Rowe, Counsel to the Commission, Attorney Melissa Farley, Executive Director of External Affairs, and Attorney Martin Libbin, Director of Legal Services.

- I. The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting.
- II. Attorney Ury discussed the CLE seminar that he and Attorney Bowler provided to The Hartford Insurance Company on October 17, 2016.
- III. The Commission was advised that registration was full for the upcoming seminar on November 7, 2016. Additional presentations will be available in various other venues through state and local bar associations. The Commission discussed making the recording of the seminar and the meeting materials available on the MCLE Commission page for self-study by attorneys.
- IV. Attorney Ury updated the Commission on various feedback from state and local bar associations. Attorney Ury emphasized that the bar associations were advised that individual seminars on MCLE would be offered to these associations for their members.
- V. The Commission discussed the proposed publicity schedule and recommended an additional notification of the new MCLE requirement be provided to attorneys when they are notified to register in 2017.
- VI. The Commission approved two proposed MCLE disclaimers. The first approved disclaimer concerns attorneys who have questions on what constitutes CLE in Connecticut, and states:

Connecticut does not certify courses or providers. Connecticut lawyers are urged to independently review Practice Book §2-27A and make their own determination that a course qualifies for credit towards their MCLE requirement, taking into consideration the delivery and content requirements of the rule. If a course has been approved for CLE credit in another jurisdiction, then it automatically meets the content and delivery requirements in Connecticut, subject to the caveat that credit hours are awarded in Connecticut based on “actual instruction time” (e.g., 60 minutes of instruction time equals one credit hour of Connecticut CLE).

The second approved disclaimer concerns approved advertising language for MCLE events and states:

Neither the Connecticut Judicial Branch nor the Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education approve or accredit CLE providers or activities. It is the opinion of this provider that this activity qualifies for up to \_\_\_\_\_ hours toward your annual CLE requirement in Connecticut, including \_\_\_\_\_ hour(s) of ethics/professionalism.

VII. The Commission unanimously voted to defer to the co-chairs decisions on minor compliance questions that appear to be well settled by the FAQs or previous Commission opinions.

VIII-IX. The Commission unanimously voted to hold its next meeting on December 8, 2016 in lieu of the previously scheduled meeting on December 1, 2016. The Commission then unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.