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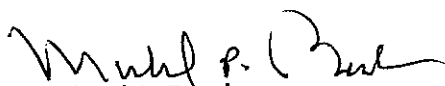
#### **Whether Authoring Articles on Legal Topics for a Non-Legal Publication Qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Credit**

The Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (Commission) received a request from an attorney who writes articles on legal topics for a trade journal that is targeted at non-lawyers. The attorney asks whether this activity qualifies for MCLE credit. The opinion of the Commission is that attorneys who write articles on legal topics for non-legal publications are not 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. Arguably, writing articles on legal topics may satisfy the content requirement set forth in Practice Book §2-27A(c)(6), but the activity does not meet the delivery requirement of the MCLE rule.

In order to receive credit for writing legal articles, the articles must be published "in legal publications that have as their primary goal the enhancement of competence in the legal profession . . . ." Publishing legal articles in non-legal publications does not have "the enhancement of competence in the legal profession" as its "primary goal." Accordingly, this

activity does not qualify as MCLE and no amount of time to complete that activity can be counted towards MCLE compliance.

  
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