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Whether Taking Courses Provided by the IRS and DOL Qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

The Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education (Commission) received a request from an attorney who takes programs offered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Labor (DOL). The requesting attorney asks whether these courses qualify for MCLE credit. The Commission determined that the programs qualify for MCLE credit provided they meet the content requirement of the MCLE rule.

To receive credit for complying with Practice Book §2-27A, attorneys must satisfy the delivery and content requirements of the rule. Practice Book §2-27A(b)(1) clearly provides that the government is an approved entity for the delivery of MCLE. Whether the particular program meets the three-part content requirement of Practice Book Section 2-27A(c)(6) is left to the individual attorney’s good faith judgment.

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