SCR 3.600 Continuing Legal Education Definitions

As used in SCR 3.605-3.695, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(1) “Approved activity” is a continuing legal education activity that meets the requirements set forth in SCR 3.650 and has been approved for credit by the CLE Commission.

(2) “Attorney Identification Number” is the 5 digit number assigned to each member of the Association upon admission.

(3) “Award” is the Continuing Legal Education Award.

(4) “Commission” is the Continuing Legal Education Commission.

(5) “Continuing legal education,” or “CLE,” is any legal educational activity which is designed to maintain or improve the professional competency of practicing attorneys and is accredited by the Commission.

(6) “Credit” is a unit for measuring continuing legal education.

(7) “Educational year” is the reporting period for mandatory continuing legal education and runs from July 1st each year through June 30th of the successive year.

(8) “Ethics, professional responsibility and professionalism” is the category by which “ethics credits” shall be earned and includes programs or seminars or designated portions thereof with instruction focusing on the Rules of Professional Conduct independently or as they relate to law firm management, malpractice avoidance, attorneys fees, legal ethics, and the duties of attorneys to the judicial system, the public, clients and other attorneys.

(9) “In-house activity” is an activity sponsored by a single law firm, single corporate law department, or single governmental office for lawyers who are members or employees of the firm, department or office.

(10) “Legal writing” is a publication which contributes to the legal competency of the applicant, other attorneys or judges and is approved by the Commission. Writing for which the author is paid shall not be approved.

(11) “Non-compliance” means not meeting continuing legal education requirements set forth in SCR 3.645 and SCR 3.640 and includes both lack of certification and lack of completion of activities prior to established time requirements.

(12) “Technological transmission” is a CLE activity delivery method other than live seminars and includes video tape, DVD, audio tape, CD-ROM, computer on-line services, or other appropriate technology as approved by the Commission.

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