

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION: PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (MCLE)

The Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Legal Education (Committee) has scheduled two public hearings to receive input from members of the bar and other individuals regarding mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE). The dates, times, and locations of these public hearings are as follows:

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Seton Hall Law School
Auditorium
One Newark Center
Newark, New Jersey
(973) 642-8725

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
New Jersey Law Center
Room 270
One Constitution Square
New Brunswick, New Jersey
(732) 249-5100

The specific MCLE-related topics on which the Committee is seeking input include the following:

1. Overall structure of CLE program, course structure, role of core courses, area-specific curriculum, mandatory requirements, credit-hour requirements.
2. Application of program to attorneys based on years of experience, areas of practice, public sector attorneys, judges, in-house counsel, attorneys with CLE in other states, and the future of the current Skills and Methods Program.
3. Recommendations on how the Supreme Court should monitor and enforce MCLE, creation of standing committee, staffing, and funding.
4. Sources and cost of CLE instruction (law firms, Inns of Court, law schools, etc.), approval/certification of credits/courses, etc.
5. The role of technology, including on-line course fulfillment.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Committee at one of the public hearings must register in advance of the hearing date by writing to Eugene Troche, Esq., Staff to the Ad Hoc Committee, c/o The Supreme Court of New Jersey, Office of the Clerk, P.O. Box 970, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0970, or by e-mail to SCTCLE.mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.

For the October 17th hearing, individuals must register by Wednesday, October 10, 2007; for the October 30th hearing, individuals must register by Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

Presentations at the public hearings will be limited to ten minutes. Each presenter should submit his or her written comments to Mr. Troche at least six days in advance of the scheduled hearing. Anyone not registering by the pre-hearing deadline will be heard by the Committee only if time permits and only after all those who registered before the deadline have made their presentations.

Please note that the Committee also will accept written submissions without oral presentations. Further, all statements submitted to the Committee, whether oral or in writing, will not be considered to be confidential.

Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee
on Continuing Legal Education

Dated: September 21, 2007