

NEW LAWYER TRAINING

The TBA offers programs designed to satisfy the Supreme Court of Ohio New Lawyer Training Requirements. These programs are offered throughout the year and will be indicated by NLT Credit Hours on the CLE Schedule of programs.

The three credit hours of instruction in Professionalism, Law Office Management, and Client Fund Management are offered two times per year; November (Live seminar) and May (video replay of live seminar)

(Rule X) Section 14. New Lawyers Training.

(A) *Requirement.*

(1) Each attorney newly admitted to the practice of law or registered for corporate status under Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 3 shall complete a minimum of twelve credit hours of New Lawyers Training instruction in the time frame set forth in Section 9(A) of this rule. The twelve credit hours of instruction shall include both of the following:

(a) Three credit hours of instruction in professionalism, law office management, and client fund management consisting of sixty minutes of instruction on topics related to professional conduct, professional relationships, obligations of attorneys, or aspirational ideals of the profession; sixty minutes of instruction on topics related to fundamental law office management practices; and sixty minutes of instruction on topics related to client fund management;

(b) Nine credit hours of instruction in one or more substantive law topics that focus on handling legal matters in specific practice areas.

(2) An attorney newly admitted to the practice of law or registered for corporate status under Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 3 may satisfy the New Lawyers Training instruction requirement of division (A)(1) of this section by participating in and successfully completing the Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, provided the attorney also completes three credit hours of instruction on professionalism, law office management, and client fund management as required in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(B) *Approval of activity.* To be approved by the Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education as a New Lawyers Training activity, the activity shall satisfy the following standards, together with any other standards as established by regulation of the Commission:

(1) The activity shall consist of live instruction in a setting physically suited to the educational activity of the program;

(2) The activity shall be a minimum of one hour in length;

(3) The activity shall include thorough, high-quality, written materials that emphasize and include checklists of procedures to follow, practical instructions, and forms with guidance as to how they should be completed and when they should be used.

(C) *Carryover hours.* An attorney subject to Section 9(A) of this rule who completes more than the number of New Lawyers Training credit hours required under division (A)(1) of this section may be awarded a maximum of twelve general credit hours to the next biennial compliance period.

(D) *Awarding of general credit hours.* The Commission may award one credit hour of continuing legal education for every credit hour of New Lawyers Training instruction completed by an attorney not subject to Section 9(A) of this rule.