

Minutes
January 7, 2022

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Todd Alberstone at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 7, 2022. The meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Todd Alberstone, Chair
Robert Malae, Vice-Chair
Ayanna Colman (left at 10:53 AM)
Asia Wright
Chris Bueter
Merri Hartse
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Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Michael Tonkin	MCLE Analyst
Serena Sayani	BOG Liaison

Review of Minutes for October 8, 2021

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2021 meeting. The Board approved all minutes without change.

Course Audit Report

MCLE Board member Asia Wright presented their audit report for West LegalEdcenter's CLE course: *Taking and Defending Depositions: Strategies & Techniques*.

MCLE Updates

The MCLE Staff Liaison discussed general updates with MCLE, including a letter from Senator Mark Warner, TAXICAB, the Law Clerk Workgroup, a potential article for the WSBA Bar News, MCLE certification, and the WSBA's new in-person volunteer protocols.

Discussion: Ethics Credit Guidelines

The MCLE Board reviewed and discussed various hypothetical CLE applications to assist staff with the accreditation of courses covering equity, inclusion, and the mitigation of bias. The Board discussed issues of target audience, content, and speaker biographies as important points for each accreditation decision, in light of the amendment to the ethics credit category defined in APR 11(f)(2), effective September 1, 2022. The hypotheticals included:

1. A presentation on implicit bias presented by a diversity training professional to a law firm, but with no specific link to the legal profession.
2. A presentation discussing implications of harassment and hostile work environments on marginalized communities, presented by a human resources professional to a government office.
3. A presentation covering the effects of historical bias and legislation, and the effects of that legislation today, presented by two lawyers to a university forum. The course is designed for a mixed audience of lawyers, teachers, and law students.

The MCLE Board discussed all three hypothetical courses and decided unanimously that all three would be approved as ethics. The Board encouraged MCLE staff to bring additional ethics accreditation issues to future Board meetings.

MCLE Board Activity Reviews

The MCLE Board decided by motion on six accreditation requests. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison