

MEETING AGENDA

January 9, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

Held Remotely Via Zoom (Public Session):

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Meeting ID: 827 1528 6450

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OPEN SESSION 10:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2025
3. Discussion of Report and Recommendation Drafts for Potential Amendments to APR 11
4. MCLE Updates

CLOSED SESSION 11:00 a.m.

5. Undue Hardship Petitions

Adjourn

Minutes

October 17, 2025

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Darryl Colman at 10:03 A.M. on Friday, October 17, 2025. The meeting occurred in-person and via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Darryl Colman (Chair)
Katie Denmark
Nicole Meyer
Efrem Krisher
Henry Phillips
Brendon Taga

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Ingo Mendes	MCLE Analyst
Charlotte Stanhope-Myers	MCLE Analyst
Suzanna Šegulja	MCLE Analyst
Kristina Larry	BOG Liaison

Review of Minutes

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the August 8, 2025, meeting. The Board approved the minutes unanimously. Brandon and Nicole abstained as they were not present.

MCLE Board Orientation

Brief orientation to MCLE Board. MCLE Staff Liaison went over example of court and board structure. Liaison summarized the MCLE Board history since its founding in 1977 and covered MCLE Board logistics such as the meetings which occur 5 times a year. The Admission and Practice Rule (APR)11 were summarized by the Staff Liaison, along with duties, powers and responsibilities of the Board.

MCLE Board Chair summarized the roles and responsibilities of the Board, such as preferred meeting methods, review of meeting materials, course auditing, collaboration between staff and Board members.

Staff liaison summarized role of MCLE Board chair, Board of Governors liaison and the MCLE Board Staff Liaison. MCLE Staff Liaison summarized MCLE requirements in WA, such as credit deadlines, certifications, fees, hardship petitions, etc.

Board Goals and Discussion

MCLE Staff summarized the recent goals discussed by the MCLE Board. Staff displayed the draft webpage dedicated to Free and Low Cost MCLE's. Feedback regarding the page was positive, with Board members suggesting stronger ways to advertise free CLE's, such as e-mails notices or a board on the MCLE website. Increasing awareness of free CLE's is priority. MCLE Board discussed possibility to improve the CLE search on MCLE Board site so that it is easy to search for free-for-all-attendees courses that are approved and have not occurred yet.

MCLE Board discussed Comity certificate goals. Staff went over current rule as related to Boise Protocol. Specific rules in OR, ID and UT were summarized. Board continued discussion of including Colorado as a comity state, since requirements are similar to Washington. Colorado all-inclusive comity policy means that there is in essence already the possibility to reach compliance between both states with a certificate. Motion was put forward to begin the process of suggesting a rule amendment to approve Colorado as a comity state. MCLE Board approved unanimously. Long-term goals were slightly updated to match this goal, and MCLE Board members Efreem Krisher and Darryl Colman volunteered to work on a first draft of an MCLE Board report and recommendation for the potential suggested amendment to APR 11 to add Colorado as a comity state.

MCLE Board showed interest in discussing a more open policy towards comity in the future. Board motioned to add a long-term goal and explore a more inclusive policy in the future. Approved unanimously.

MCLE Board Subcommittee explored amendment to APR11(e) to include high school and undergraduate mock trial competitions as an option for CLE credit. The subcommittee presented a first draft of potential language to amend APR11(d) and add APR11(e)(11). MCLE Board approved the draft language for the potential suggested amendment unanimously. MCLE Board members Katie Denmark and Henry Phillips volunteered to work on the first draft of the MCLE Board report and recommendation pertaining to a possible suggested amendment to APR11d &(e).

MCLE Updates

Staff liaison updated Board on certification, which has been open since June. Staff outlined recent CLE Regulators Conference, with a specific session highlighted regarding adult education. Discussion will continue related to bringing this information to board.

Next meeting will be January 9th, remote only. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff

MCLE Suggested Amendments to APR 11 Discussion Summary

Discussion Summary: MCLE Board will review the draft report and recommendation for two potential suggested amendments to APR 11 and will decide whether to move forward.

Background

The MCLE Board decided to research potential comity states after receiving feedback during the 2024 annual meeting with the Court. After conducting research into MCLE requirements in other states the MCLE Board is exploring the prospect of suggesting an amendment that would treat Colorado as a comity jurisdiction given the proximity of their CLE requirements to our own. The Board indicated in its last October 17, 2025, meeting that they would advance with a suggested amendment to extend comity recognition to Colorado and treat that objective as a goal for the 2025-2026 year.

In addition to this amendment, the Board has committed to pursuing a separate amendment that would permit credit for attorney volunteers who coach, judge, or otherwise evaluate students participating in mock trial events. The Board's interest in this proposition developed out of the August 9, 2024, meeting, where YMCA delivered a presentation to make a case for the value of affording MCLE credit to those who judge or rate high school mock trials. The presentation provided an overview of the specific YMCA mock trial program, which is designed for secondary students, centered around a fictitious case crafted by a WA Superior Court Judge, and consists of three-hour trials presided over by sitting judges. In addition to the direct judging role, the program also includes attorney raters who provide additional feedback and evaluation.

YMCA's proposal compelled the Board to convene a subcommittee that was tasked with conducting research and contemplating the desirability of providing credit to members who are involved in the judging or coaching of mock trial participants at the high school and undergraduate level. The subcommittee's work resulted in drafting a suggested amendment which would establish credit for high-school and undergraduate mock trial volunteers. At its October 17, 2025, meeting, the Board indicated that it was interested in moving forward with the amendment process and characterized the amendment as a goal for the 2025-2026 year.

Possible Discussion Topics

- Does the Board want to move forward with pursuing comity with Colorado?
- Does the Board want to move forward with suggested amendment for credit for volunteers of high school and undergraduate mock trial competitions?
- The MCLE Board will vote whether to move forward with suggested amendments and will vote on opening for public comment period.

Attachments

- MCLE Board Report and Recommendation - Comity Colorado Draft
- MCLE Board Report and Recommendation - Mock Trial Draft
- Mock Trial Impact Report 2025

From: Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board
To: Washington State Licensed Legal Professionals & Community Members
Date: January 9, 2026
**RE: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MCLE BOARD
COMITY WITH COLORADO**

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board

The Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board (“MCLE Board”) consists of seven members: Darryl Colman (Chair), Katharine Denmark, Nicole Meyer, Efreem Krisher, Henry Phillips, Brendon Taga, and Justin Durueke.

Suggested Amendment

The MCLE Board recommends an amendment to Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 11 that would allow for licensed legal professionals to submit a comity certificate from Colorado to satisfy their Washington MCLE requirements.

The MCLE Board recommends the following suggested amendment to APR 11(c)(6):

Comity. The education requirements in Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, and Utah substantially meet Washington’s education requirements for lawyers. These states are designated as comity states. A lawyer may certify compliance with these rules in lieu of meeting the education requirement by paying a comity fee and filing a Comity Certificate of MCLE Compliance from a comity state certifying to the lawyer’s subjection to and compliance with that state’s MCLE requirements during the lawyer’s most recent reporting period.

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Colorado Comity Requirements



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Comparable to Washington, Colorado also has a 3-year reporting period, requires 45 credits to be earned within that period, and has established an equity, diversity, and inclusivity credit requirement that is similar to Washington’s Ethics-Equity credit in substance and intent. Given these compatibilities, the Board expressed interest in the possibility of recognizing Colorado as a comity jurisdiction.

Colorado Rule 250 and attendant rules and regulations have an all-inclusive comity policy, where attorneys who are complaint in their home jurisdictions and meet certain conditions can use comity from any state to satisfy Colorado requirements.

Colorado Supreme Court and Judicial Education Committee’s Regulation 102(3) states that in order to comply via comity, an attorney must (1) have an active license issued by another state that has continuing legal education requirements and is the state of primary residence; (2) that attorney’s primary residence and business address in the other state have been on file with the Colorado Office of Attorney Registration for a minimum of 45 days before the end of the attorney’s CLE compliance period; (3) the attorney must complete credits in order to comply with their resident state’s requirements; and (4) the attorney provides a certificate of good standing establishing CLE compliance in the resident state along with a copy of their CLE transcript that reflects the activities undertaken during their Colorado compliance period.

Given these criteria, a Washington LLP who primarily lives in Washington, has their Washington address on file with Colorado Office of Attorney registration for the minimum time period, completes and complies with Washington requirements, and provides a certificate of good standing and Washington MCLE transcript as proof of that compliance, could attain Colorado compliance via Washington comity. The above proposed suggested amendment would allow those who reside in Colorado to submit comity certificates from Colorado to Washington to meet their CLE requirements in Washington.

Current MCLE Comity Fees

Comity Submission fee	\$25
Comity Certificate from WA	\$25

Timeline

Possible Timeline for suggested amendment:		
December 2025		Workgroup drafts report and recommendation.
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Attachments

1. [Admission and Practice Rule \(APR\) 11](#)
2. Draft APR 11 Redline
3. [Colorado Rule 250. Mandatory Continuing Legal and Judicial Education](#)
4. Colorado [Continuing Legal and Judicial Education Regulations](#) # amended by the Court, 6/18/2025, effective 1/1/2026



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The MCLE Board recommends the following suggested amendment to APR 11:

APR11 (d) MCLE Board (2) *Powers and Duties* (vii) Approve Mentoring Programs and High School/College-Level Mock Trial Programs. The MCLE Board shall approve mentoring programs and high school and college-level mock trial programs that meet requirements and standards established by the MCLE Board for the purposes of awarding MCLE credit under these rules.

APR11(e)(11) Judging, evaluating, or scoring participants in a high school or college-level mock trial or moot court program approved by the MCLE Board.

Factors & Information

Professional Development

Participating in the mock trial program contributes to professional development by providing a way to engage with the Rules of Evidence and courtroom procedure, opportunities that are increasingly rare, especially for newer attorneys, due to the declining number of trials in Washington courts.¹ The program also contributes to professional development by connecting attorneys directly with judges and offering attorneys the opportunity to consider advocacy from the perspective of a judge.

¹ See generally <https://www.courts.wa.gov/caseload/?fa=caseload.showArchived>



Equity Goals

Offering this MCLE credit benefit promotes diversity of the legal profession through mock trial programs by assisting students who may have an interest in legal careers. Students without family or social ties to the legal profession can, through high school and college-level mock trial programs, learn about the legal profession, see themselves as potential future lawyers and jurists, and gain connections that may help them pursue a legal career. Offering MCLE credit for this supervision and instruction time may encourage lawyers to serve as volunteers for these important programs, thereby furthering WSBA’s commitment to increasing access to justice.

Civic Engagement Around the Rule of Law

For students, mock trials facilitate transparency and engagement with the law, create opportunities for education, and allows for youth to see themselves in the role of lawyer. This experience could lend itself to a better understanding of and trust in the rule of law. Providing MCLE credit dovetails with the WSBA [Ambassadors Program](#) mission as well the professional responsibilities as quoted (on the Ambassador Program’s webpage) and below:

“[A] lawyer should further the public’s understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the justice system because legal institutions in a constitutional democracy depend on popular participation and support to maintain their authority.”

—[RPC Preamble: A Lawyer’s Responsibilities](#)

“In general, the Washington State Bar Association strives to ... administer programs of legal education ... and promote understanding of and respect for our legal system and the law.”

—[General Rule 12.2](#)

National Landscape

Washington would be joining at least 11 states currently awarding MCLE credit for judging, evaluating, or scoring high school mock trials, including, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, Texas, Kentucky, Georgia, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Delaware.

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2025 MOCK TRIAL IMPACT REPORT

WASHINGTON YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



Our Impact in 2025



70 High School Teams
10 Middle School Teams



50 Participating
Schools/Orgs



1032 Youth Participants
Both MS and HS



857 Attorney and Judge
Supporters



Growth in Teams



Growth in
Schools/Orgs



Growth in Youth
Participants



Growth in Supporters

Program Metrics (Statewide)



YEAR	SCHOOLS	TEAMS	STUDENTS	COACHES	SUPPORTERS
2019	36 HS / 2 MS	57 HS / 8 MS	697 HS / 94 MS	N/A	N/A
2020	38 HS / 2 MS	57 HS / 8 MS	N/A	107	N/A
2021	30 HS	47 Teams	580 HS	102	438
2022	33 HS	51 Teams	633 HS	104	490
2023	39 HS / 3 MS	57 HS / 5 MS	658 HS / 74 MS	112	536
2024	45 HS / 3 MS	66 HS / 6 MS	849 HS / 84 MS	131	714*
2025	46 HS / 4 MS	70 HS / 10 MS	933 HS / 97 MS	123	857*

*Estimated based on number of Rater and Judge slots at tournaments

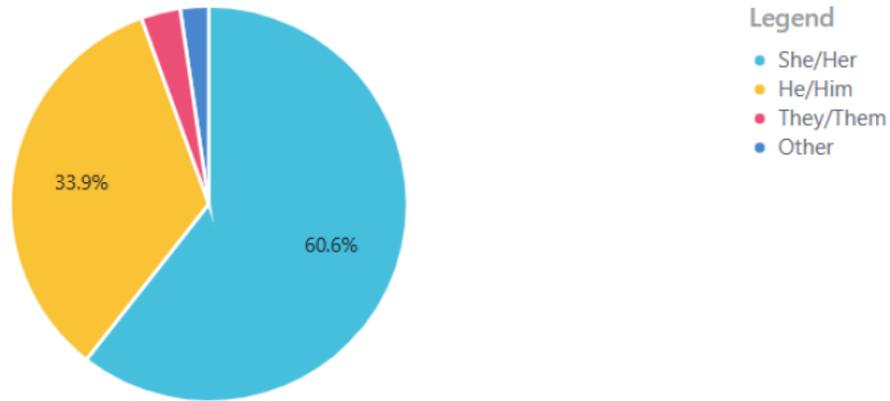


Demographics – Students

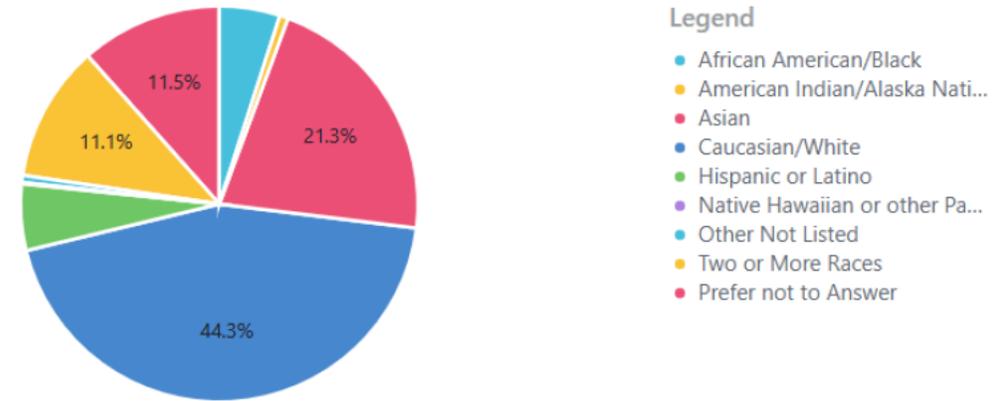


Pronouns

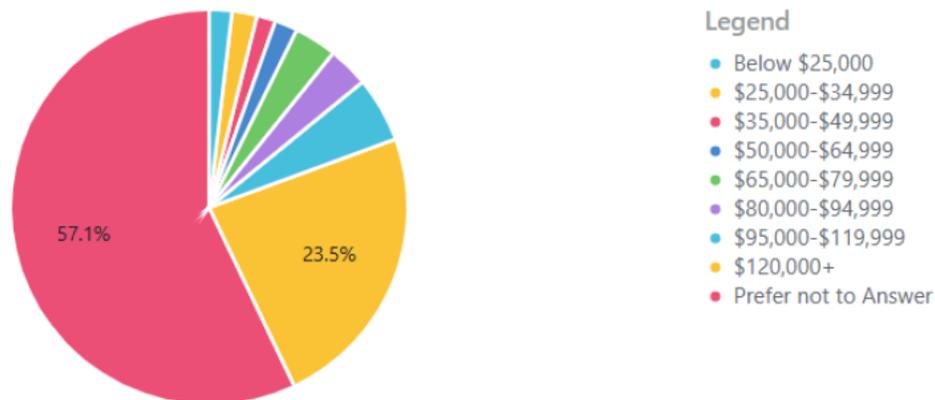
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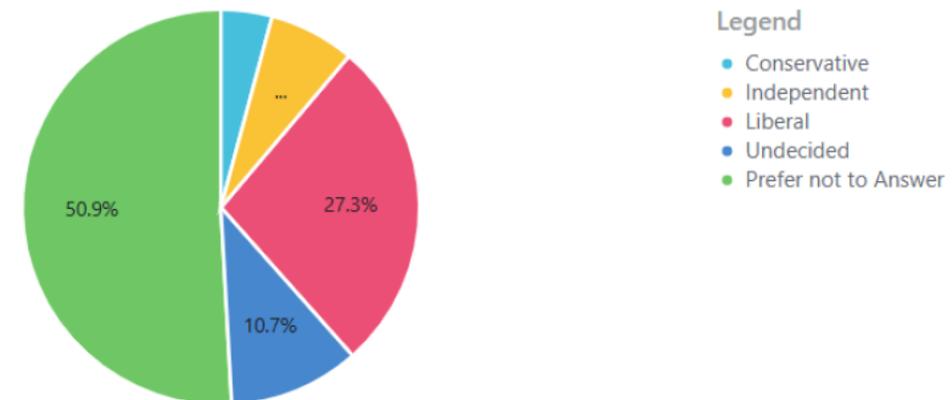
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Average Household Income



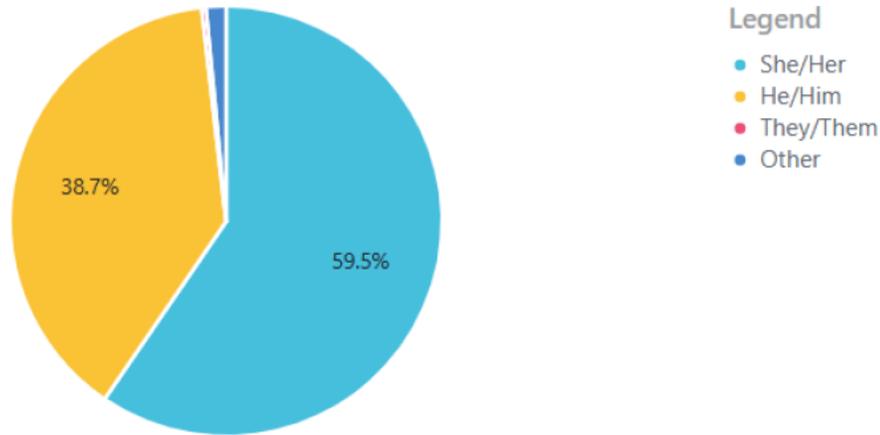
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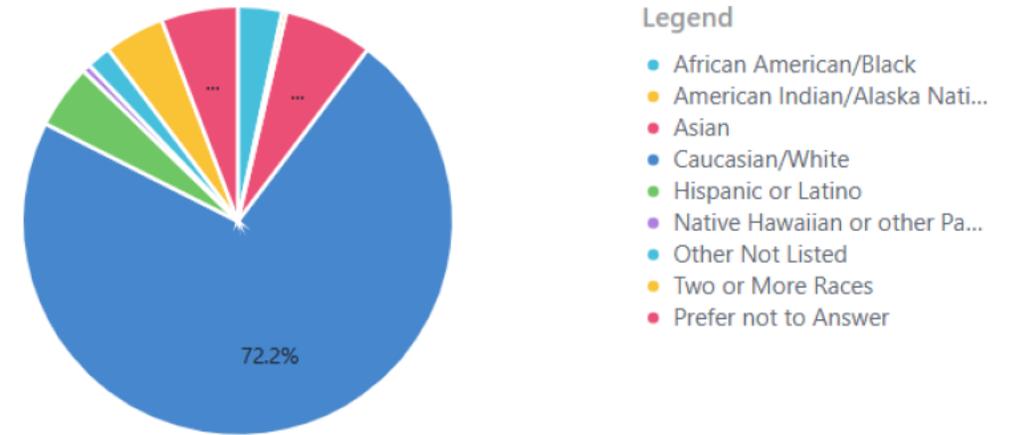
Demographics – Adult Supports



Pronouns



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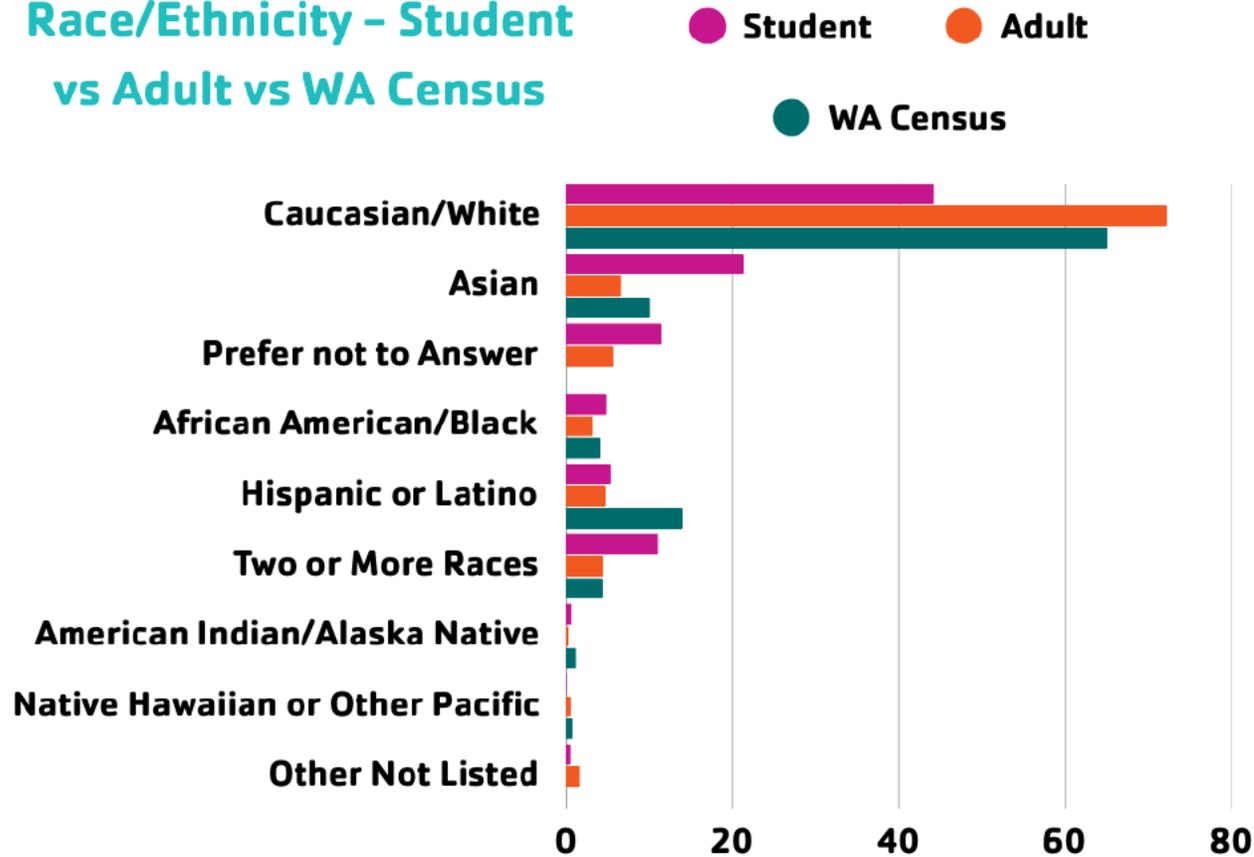


Adult Supporters include Team Coaches, Attorney Raters, and Trial Judges.
A total of 331 responses were collected.

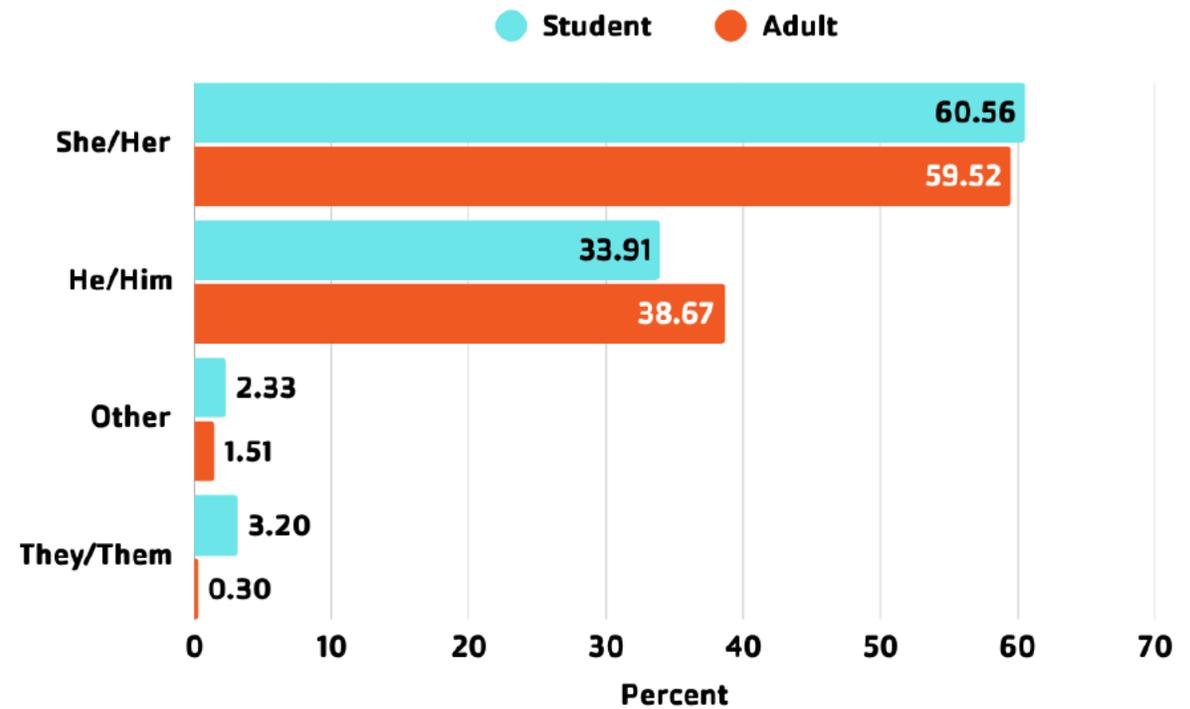
Demographics – Compared



Race/Ethnicity – Student vs Adult vs WA Census



Pronoun – Student to Adult Comparison



2025 DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

MS-Snohomish County	
Denney Juvenile Justice Center 2801 10th St, Everett, WA 98201	
Number	Team
1	St. Thomas More School - A
2	St. Thomas More School - B
3	St. Thomas More School - C
4	NOVA Middle School
5	Our Lady of Hope School
6	10th Street Middle School - A
7	10th Street Middle School - B
8	10th Street Middle School - C
9	10th Street Middle School - D
10	10th Street Middle School - E

Kitsap Co. Tournament - 3 births	
Kitsap County Superior Court 614 Division St Ste 24, Port Orchard, WA 98366	
Number	Team
1	Port Townsend - RED
2	Port Townsend - BLACK
3	University Prep - BLUE
4	University Prep - GREEN
5	University Prep - WHITE
6	Skyline High School - SILVER
7	Skyline High School - WHITE
8	N/A

East King Co. Tournament (North) - 3 births	
Redmond Courthouse 8601 160th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052	
Number	Team
1	Juanita High School
2	Redmond High School
3	Sammamish High School - RED
4	N/A
5	International Community School - CRIMSON
6	International Community School - GOLD
7	Interlake High School
8	Inglemoor High School

Chelan County - 2 births	
Chelan County Superior Court 401 Washington St, Wenatchee, WA 98801	
Number	Team
1	Chief Sealth Jupiter
2	Chief Sealth Neptune
3	Westside High School
4	N/A
5	Wenatchee - PURPLE
6	Wenatchee - GOLD

Pierce County - 3 births	
Pierce County Superior Court 930 Tacoma Ave S Ste 110, Tacoma, WA 98402	
Number	Team
1	Annie Wright - BLUE
2	Annie Wright - GOLD
3	Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA) - SAPHIRE
4	Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA) - RUBY
5	Kings
6	Seattle Academy - RED
7	Seattle Academy - GREY
8	Sequim
9	Lincoln High School
10	Skyline High School - GREEN

Clark County Tournament - 3 births	
Clark County Superior Court 1200 Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98660	
Number	Team
1	Cedar Tree Classical Christian School
2	Columbia River High School
3	Columbia River White Salmon
4	Seton Catholic
5	Cascadia Tech - BLUE
6	Cascadia Tech - RED
7	Morton Jr/Sr High School
8	Hockinson High School

Snohomish County - 3 births	
Snohomish County Superior Court 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201	
Number	Team
1	Archbishop Murphy - Varsity
2	Archbishop Murphy - Junior Varsity
3	Mill Creek YMCA
4	Mukilteo YMCA - PURPLE
5	Mukilteo YMCA - SILVER
6	Marysville YMCA - GOLD
7	Marysville YMCA - BLACK
8	Legacy High School
9	Cascade High School
10	N/A

King County - 5 births	
King County Courthouse 516 3rd Ave, Seattle WA 98104	
Number	Team
1	Franklin High School - OBSIDIAN
2	Franklin High School - JADE
3	Franklin High School - ONYX
4	Seattle Prep - BLUE
5	Seattle Prep - WHITE
6	Seattle Prep - GREEN
7	Jefferson Community Center
8	Woodinville High School
9	Garfield High School
10	Ballard High School
11	Ingraham High School - GRAY
12	Ingraham High School - BLUE
13	Mercer Island High School - MAROON
14	Mercer Island High School - WHITE
15	O'Dea High School
16	Nathan Hale High School

East King Co. Tournament (South) - 1 birth	
King County Courthouse - Bellevue 1309 114th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98004	
Number	Team
1	Mount Si High School - SCARLET
2	Mount Si High School - GREY
3	Eastlake - VARSITY
4	Eastlake - JV

Benton County - 1 birth	
Benton County District Court 7122 W Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA 99336	
Number	Team
1	Camas High School
2	The Oaks Classical Christian Academy
3	Kennewick High School
4	Richland High School

*Note: The order of teams does not reflect final placement in the tournament.

2025 STATE TOURNAMENT AWARDS

WILLIAM DOWNING VALUES AWARD

Marysville YMCA

ROBERT J. BRYAN INNS OF COURT SCHOLARSHIP

Lizzie Pittsinger

Wenatchee High School

OUTSTANDING WITNESS AWARD

Kisaya Canada – Franklin

Niles Cowan – Columbia River

Willow Hales – Mount Si

James Koepke – Wenatchee

Lizzie Pittsinger – Wenatchee

Trapper Rayburn – Cascadia Tech

OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY AWARD

Rudy Vazquez - Marysville YMCA

2025 MOCK TRIAL STATE STANDINGS

Place	School - Team
1	Seattle Preparatory School - Blue
2	Seattle Preparatory School – White
3	University Prep
4	Franklin High School – Obsidian
5	Skyline High School – Green
6	Seattle Academy
7	Franklin High School – Malachite
8	Columbia River High School
9	The Oaks Classical Christian Academy
10	Wenatchee High School – Purple
11	Sammamish High School
12	Marysville YMCA
13	Wenatchee High School – Gold
14	Mount Si High School
15	Cascadia Tech – Red
16	Cascadia Tech – Blue
17	Tacoma School of Arts (SOTA)
18	Skyline High School – White
18	Eastlake High School
20	Mukilteo YMCA
21	International Community School
22	Inglemoor High School
23	O’Dea High School
24	Archbishop Murphy High School
25	Port Townsend High School
26	Richland High School



SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION

2024/2025 sponsors were recognized in the following ways;

- Mock Trial Case Page
- Mobile Conference App
- Awards Breakfast Presentation
- Awards Breakfast Table Toppers
- Event Press Release
- Youth Legislature Bill Book
- YMCA Youth & Government Impact Webpage (with backlink)



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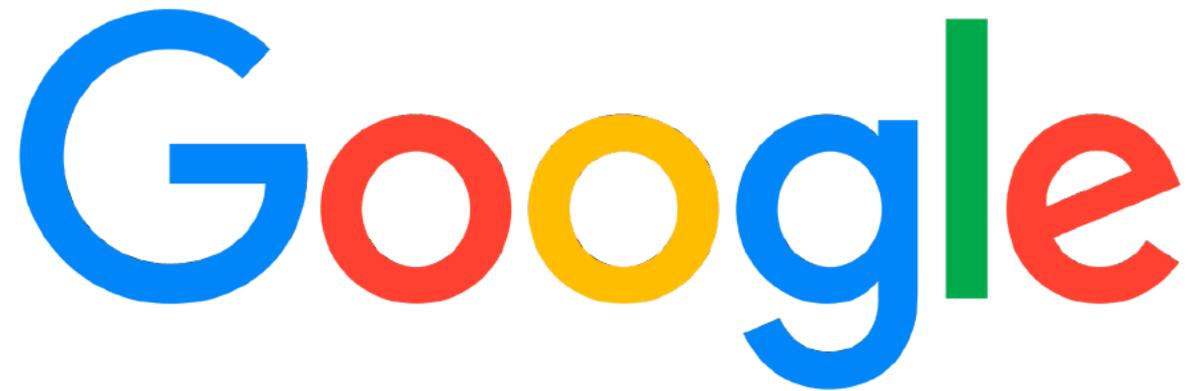
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U.S. District Court – WDOW
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Washington Judges Foundation



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YMCA MOCK TRIAL

2026 KEY DATES

September 29th – Oct 3rd 2025 CASE RELEASE
March 20th – 22nd, 2026 Mock Trial State Tournament
May 7th – 9th, 2026 National High School Mock Trial
Championship

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE APR 11 (Redline)

1 **TITLE**

2 **ADMISSION AND PRACTICE RULES (APR)**

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5 **(2) Powers and Duties** (vii) Approve Mentoring Programs and High School/College-Level
6 Mock Trial Programs. The MCLE Board shall approve mentoring programs, and high school
7 and college-level mock trial programs that meet requirements and standards established by the
8 MCLE Board for the purposes of awarding MCLE credit under these rules.

9 **(d)(3)– (e)(10) No Changes.**

10 APR11(e)(11) Judging, evaluating, or scoring participants in a high school or college-level
11 mock trial or moot court program approved by the MCLE Board.

12 **(f)(1)-(k) No changes.**

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<p>DISCUSSION: MCLE Updates</p>

The MCLE Staff Liaison will provide general updates to the MCLE Board.

Discussion Topics:

- **MCLE Certification**

Certification through the MCLE online system is open allowing licensed legal professionals to certify for the 2023-2025 reporting period. As of January 2, 2026, 45.23% (4,824) licensed legal professionals are compliant for the 2023-2025 reporting period.

- **Annual Meeting with Washington Supreme Court**

WSBA staff are working on scheduling a day for the Supreme Court Boards to all hold their annual meetings with the Court on the same day. Currently they are looking at scheduling during the first two weeks of May.

- **Budget**

The MCLE Board Staff Liaison will provide a brief overview of the current MCLE Budget Summary.

- **FY 26 MCLE Board Meeting Schedule**

Meeting #	Upcoming MCLE Board Meeting Dates
1	October 17, 2025 (in-person)
2	January 9, 2026
3	April 17, 2026 (in-person)
4	June 5, 2026
5	August 14, 2026 (in-person)

Attachments:

- MCLE 2025 September Budget Summary
- MCLE Board 2025-2026 Goals

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Statement of Activities

For the Period from September 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025

100% OF YEAR COMPLETE

	FISCAL 2025 REFORECAST	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	% USED OF REFORECAST	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE FAVORABLE/(UNFAVORABLE)
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION						
REVENUE:						
ACTIVITY APPLICATION FEE	600,000	64,800	708,300	(108,300)	118%	108,300
ACTIVITY APPLICATION LATE FEE	220,000	21,100	268,800	(48,800)	122%	48,800
MCLE LATE FEES	225,000	750	256,250	(31,250)	114%	31,250
ANNUAL ACCREDITED SPONSOR FEES	39,000	250	40,000	(1,000)	103%	1,000
ATTENDANCE LATE FEES	120,000	8,300	104,200	15,800	87%	(15,800)
COMITY CERTIFICATES	29,800	475	33,875	(4,075)	114%	4,075
TOTAL REVENUE:	1,233,800	95,675	1,411,425	(177,625)	114%	177,625
DIRECT EXPENSES:						
DEPRECIATION	142,183	12,012	144,144	(1,961)	101%	(1,961)
STAFF MEMBERSHIP DUES	500	-	500	-	100%	-
MCLE BOARD	4,000	-	1,806	2,194	45%	2,194
STAFF TRAVEL/PARKING	50	-	-	50	0%	50
STAFF CONFERENCE & TRAINING	4,600	5,045	5,045	(445)	110%	(445)
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:	151,333	17,057	151,496	(163)	100%	(163)
INDIRECT EXPENSES:						
SALARY EXPENSE (4.76 FTE)	400,391	30,453	396,116	4,275	99%	4,275
BENEFITS EXPENSE	136,403	10,224	130,729	5,674	96%	5,674
OTHER INDIRECT EXPENSE	121,596	14,913	112,595	9,001	93%	9,001
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES:	658,390	55,590	639,440	18,950	97%	18,950
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	809,723	72,647	790,936	18,787	98%	18,787
NET INCOME (LOSS):	424,077	23,028	620,489	(196,412)	146%	196,412

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Statement of Activities

For the Period from October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

8% OF YEAR COMPLETE

	FISCAL 2026 BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	% USED OF BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE FAVORABLE/(UNFAVORABLE)
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION						
REVENUE:						
ACTIVITY APPLICATION FEE	670,000	70,800	70,800	599,200	11%	14,967
ACTIVITY APPLICATION LATE FEE	250,000	24,900	24,900	225,100	10%	4,067
MCLE LATE FEES	232,000	-	-	232,000	0%	(19,333)
ANNUAL ACCREDITED SPONSOR FEES	36,250	-	-	36,250	0%	(3,021)
ATTENDANCE LATE FEES	120,000	8,700	8,700	111,300	7%	(1,300)
COMITY CERTIFICATES	30,000	2,100	2,100	27,900	7%	(400)
TOTAL REVENUE:	1,338,250	106,500	106,500	1,231,750	8%	(5,021)
DIRECT EXPENSES:						
DEPRECIATION	142,057	12,012	12,012	130,045	8%	(174)
STAFF MEMBERSHIP DUES	525	-	-	525	0%	44
MCLE BOARD EXPENSES	6,000	36	36	5,964	1%	464
STAFF TRAVEL/PARKING	50	-	-	50	0%	4
STAFF CONFERENCE & TRAINING	4,400	-	-	4,400	0%	367
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:	153,032	12,048	12,048	140,984	8%	704
INDIRECT EXPENSES:						
SALARY EXPENSE (4.73 FTE)	407,360	32,346	32,346	375,014	8%	1,600
BENEFITS EXPENSE	124,455	10,016	10,016	114,439	8%	356
OTHER INDIRECT EXPENSE	163,909	17,398	17,398	146,511	11%	(3,739)
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES:	695,724	59,760	59,760	635,964	9%	(1,783)
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	848,756	71,809	71,809	776,948	8%	(1,079)
NET INCOME (LOSS):	489,494	34,691	34,691	454,802	7%	(6,100)

**Budget reallocations apply to this line item. For details, see FY26 Budget Reallocations memo(s) included in the Board of Governors meeting materials.

MCLE Board Goal Sheet (2025-2026)
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Short-Term Goals

- Each Board member will commit to conducting two CLE course audits per fiscal year with a focus on accredited sponsors.
- The Board will continue to advance diversity in recruitment efforts for any Board openings.

Long-Term Goals

- Pursue research regarding improving accessibility, engagement, and awareness for MCLE.
- Pursue a rule amendment to the APR 11(c) education requirements subsection that would extend comity recognition to Colorado given substantial similarity in credit requirements.
- Pursue a rule amendment to the APR 11(d)(2) and (e) approved activities subsection that would allow for attorneys evaluating high school and undergraduate competitions (such as those hosted by the YMCA) to earn MCLE credit.
- Explore the possibility of developing a more open comity policy that would integrate other jurisdictions and commit to researching this topic.