

The WSBA administers the licensing and renewal process for Washington licensed legal professionals on behalf of and under rules adopted by the Washington Supreme Court. Status changes are granted in accordance with the provisions of the WSBA Bylaws. You should review Article III of the WSBA Bylaws as changes in the Bylaws can affect status change requirements. The WSBA Bylaws may be found on the WSBA website. Some key provisions to consider are:

- While on Judicial status, except for ALJs, you are not required to earn or report MCLE credits. You may attend CLE courses while on Judicial status, and will be required to report MCLE credits to return to Active status. ALJs who are on Judicial status must report MCLE credits in the same manner as if on Active status.
- If you have been on Judicial status for less than six consecutive years, you will be required to have earned 45 MCLE credits within six years prior to the return to Active date. Continuing Judicial Education (CJE) credits may be used to meet this requirement.
- If you have been on Judicial status for greater than six consecutive years, you must earn 45 MCLE credits within three years prior to the date you return to Active status. Continuing Judicial Education credits may be used to meet this requirement. In addition, you must complete the 8 hour “live” credit course sponsored by the WSBA and specifically approved for this purpose. No other credits, or courses, may be substituted for the WSBA sponsored reinstatement course. The reinstatement course’s validity for use to satisfy status change requirements will expire one year from the date of the completion of the course. The reinstatement course credits will apply to your next reporting period. Note: ALJs will be required to earn 45 MCLE credits within three years prior to the return to Active date and, in addition, complete the 15 hour live reinstatement course sponsored by the WSBA and specifically approved for this purpose.
- For purposes of determining whether you have been on Judicial status for more than six consecutive years, the time continues to run until the change to Active status is completed, regardless of when the application is submitted to the WSBA.
- If you have been on Judicial status for less than one year, and you are in a MCLE reporting period that was required to report during the time you were on Judicial status, you must establish compliance with the MCLE reporting requirements for that reporting period before changing to Active status.
- While on status, if you do not pay the annual judicial license fee or report registry information, you will be required to pay the active license fee for each year not in compliance in order to change your license status at the end of your judicial position.
- You must pay a non-refundable \$100 fee and submit a Request for Application to Active form. Upon receipt, an application packet with your specific, detailed requirements for returning to Active status will be provided to you.

Necessary forms and detailed information about returning to active status may be found on our web site at: www.wsba.org.

All questions and inquiries about status changes may be directed to statuschanges@wsba.org; or call (206) 239-2131.

Any discrepancy or conflict between the information provided here and the rules and regulations set by the Washington State Supreme Court, or the bylaws and policies of the Washington State Bar Association, is unintentional and will be resolved in favor of strict compliance with the rules, regulations, bylaws and policies.

