

Status changes are granted in accordance with the provisions of the WSBA Bylaws. Members 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:

- Judicial members, except ALJs, are not required to earn or report MCLE credits while Judicial. Members may attend CLE courses while Judicial, and will be required to report MCLE credits to return to Active status. ALJ Judicial members must report MCLE credits in the same manner as Active members.
- Members who have been Judicial for less than six consecutive years will be required to have earned 45 MCLE credits within six years prior to the return to Active date. Continuing Judicial Education credits may be used to meet this requirement.
- Members who have been Judicial for greater than six consecutive years must earn 45 MCLE credits within three years prior to the return to Active date. Continuing Judicial Education credits may be used to meet this requirement.
- For purposes of determining whether a member has been Judicial 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.
- Judicial members who do not pay the annual license fee or report registry information while Judicial members will be required to pay the active license fee for each year not in compliance.
- If a Judicial member has been Judicial for less than one year, and the member is in an MCLE reporting group that was required to report during the time the member was Judicial, the member must establish compliance with the MCLE reporting requirements for that reporting period before changing to Active.

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.

