

1 **18-201. Minimum educational requirements.**

2 A. **Hours required.** Every [~~active licensed~~] member of the state bar in active status,
3 beginning in the first full year following the date of admission, shall complete twelve (12) hours
4 of [~~continuing legal education~~] CLE during each year as provided by these rules. One (1) hour of
5 [~~continuing legal education~~] CLE is equivalent to sixty (60) minutes of instruction. This rule sets
6 forth the requisite hours and categories of [~~continuing legal education~~] CLE. Rule 18-204 NMRA
7 sets forth the means by which the hours may be acquired.

8 B. **Legal substantive credits.** Ten (10) of the required twelve (12) hours may include
9 legal subjects or subjects which relate to the individual attorney's practice of law. The hours shall
10 be defined as general credits.

11 C. **Legal ethics and professionalism credits.** At least two (2) hours of the twelve (12)
12 hours shall be devoted to board approved subjects dealing with legal ethics or professionalism.
13 Excess ethics and professionalism credits shall be applied as follows:

14 first, to any deficit in general credits in the current [~~compliance~~] licensing year;

15 second, to the next [~~compliance~~] licensing year as carry-over ethics and professionalism
16 credits; and

17 third, to the next [~~compliance~~] licensing year as carry-over general credits, subject to the
18 limitations set forth in Paragraph D of this rule.

19 D. **Carry-over.** Any member may carry up to twelve (12) hours of excess credits
20 earned in one (1) [~~compliance~~] licensing year over to the next [~~compliance~~] licensing year only.
21 Only two (2) hours of ethics and professionalism credit may be carried over as part of the twelve
22 (12) hours of credits. Excess ethics and professionalism credits can be converted to be used toward
23 the substantive (general) requirement. Only four (4) self-study credit hours may be carried over as

1 part of the twelve (12) hours of credits. No credit may be carried over for more than one (1)
2 [~~compliance~~] licensing year.

3 E. **Judges.** Judges, [~~and~~] retired judges, and other judicial officers who are members
4 of the state bar on active status [~~active licensed members of the state bar, domestic violence special~~
5 ~~commissioners and domestic relations hearing officers~~] shall be required to complete the same
6 number of hours of [~~continuing legal education~~] CLE as other [~~active licensed~~] bar members in
7 active status. The means by which these individuals may satisfy their [~~continuing legal education~~]
8 CLE requirements are set forth in Rule 18-204 NMRA.

9 [As amended, effective January 1, 1990; November 1, 1991; February 1, 1992; March 23, 1998;
10 January 1, 2001; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 05-8300-007, effective January 1, 2006;
11 by Supreme Court Order No. 06-8300-033, effective January 1, 2007; by Supreme Court Order
12 No. 11-8300-020, effective May 1, 2011 for compliance year ending December 31, 2011, and
13 subsequent compliance years; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 20-8300-015, effective
14 December 31, 2020; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 21-8300-030, effective December
15 31, 2021.]