

1 **18-204. Earning credits; credit types.**

2 A. **Scope.** This rule sets forth the means by which a member may acquire the credits
3 required by Rule 18-201 NMRA.

4 B. **Live program credit.**

5 (1) Credit for attending approved live programs shall be based on one (1) hour
6 of credit for each sixty (60) minutes of actual instruction time, which may include the following:

7 (a) lecture;

8 (b) panel discussion;

9 (c) question-and-answer periods;

10 (d) film presentation; or

11 (e) time spent viewing [~~videotapes~~] video or listening to [~~audiotapes~~]
12 audio at an organized open enrollment program at which there is a moderator assigned to supervise
13 the program and to foster discussion among participants, and provided that this program is
14 approved as provided for in these rules.

15 (2) The individual seeking live program credit must not have previously
16 received credit for the same program.

17 C. **Self-study credit.** Attorneys may obtain up to four (4) self-study credits per
18 [~~compliance period~~] licensing year. Self-study credits may be earned by participating in legal
19 activities or listening to previously recorded courses, providing the following conditions are met:

20 (1) **Legal activities.** The [~~MCLE Board~~] Board of Bar Commissioners of the
21 State Bar of New Mexico shall establish policies and procedures for accrediting the legal
22 organizations to award CLE credits to attorneys who engage in certain legal activities. To receive
23 CLE credit, attorneys must perform the legal activity through a [~~MCLE accredited~~] BBC-

1 accredited legal organization and receive a certificate of completion from that organization. Legal
2 activities that may qualify for CLE credit include serving on [~~MCLE-accredited~~] BBC-accredited
3 boards, committees, and commissions that perform legal work such as drafting rules, investigating
4 cases, or participating in hearings; or performing pro bono legal services through a [~~MCLE-~~
5 ~~accredited~~] BBC-accredited legal service provider.

6 (2) ***Previously recorded courses.*** To be eligible for credit, the previously
7 recorded course must comply with the standards defined in Rule 18-203 NMRA and attorneys
8 seeking credit must provide a certificate of completion. The attorney seeking self-study credit must
9 not previously have received self-study or live program credit for the same program.

10 D. **Speakers.** Speakers who participate in an accredited provider's program or an
11 approved program may receive credit for preparation time and presentation time, including credit
12 for repeated presentations, within the following parameters:

13 (1) Speakers may receive credit for the actual presentation time.

14 (2) Speakers may receive up to three (3) hours of credit for preparation time for
15 each presentation hour.

16 (3) For repeat presentations, the speaker may only receive credit for
17 presentation time.

18 E. **Publications.**

19 (1) Credit for one (1) hour may be earned for each sixty (60) minutes spent
20 authoring or co-authoring written material that is actually published in a legal periodical, journal,
21 book, or treatise approved by the board, provided that the following conditions are met:

22 (a) the material substantially contributes to the legal education or
23 competency of the attorney and other attorneys; and

1 (b) the work is not done in the ordinary course of the attorney's practice
2 of law or the performance of regular employment.

3 (2) Credit is given ~~[in]~~ for the licensing year the work is accepted for
4 publication, or in which publication actually occurs.

5 (3) The maximum number of credits an attorney can earn for a publication is
6 ten (10) general credits.

7 F. ~~[Other attorney reporting procedures]~~ **Attorney self-reporting procedures.**

8 (1) An attorney may self-report credits only for courses that were not pre-
9 approved by the board. If a course has been pre-approved by the board, the course provider will
10 report credits and pay filing fees for program attendees.

11 (2) To self-report credits, the attorney must first submit the course for approval
12 under Rule 18-203(A)(2) NMRA and pay any required course approval fees. If the course is
13 approved, the attorney may then file the credits and pay the filing fees. [An attorney wishing to
14 obtain approval for a program, for which the provider has not sought accreditation or has not
15 properly reported attendees, shall comply with the practices and procedures established by the
16 board.]

17 [G. ~~Judges.~~

18 ~~(1) In addition to other means set forth in this rule, judges, retired judges who~~
19 ~~are active licensed members of the state bar, domestic violence special commissioners, and~~
20 ~~domestic relations hearing officers may satisfy the continuing legal education requirements of Rule~~
21 ~~18-201(F) NMRA by attending judicial education programs~~

22 ~~(a) provided by the Judicial Continuing Education Committee;~~

23 ~~(b) approved by the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board;~~

1 ~~_____ (e) _____ provided by the Judicial Education Center; or~~

2 ~~_____ (d) _____ approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts under the Rules~~
3 ~~Governing Judicial Education.]~~

4 ~~[(2) _____ Annual training for metropolitan, district, and appellate court judges,~~
5 ~~domestic violence special commissioners, and domestic relations hearing officers shall include~~
6 ~~appropriate training in understanding domestic violence, as determined by the Judicial Continuing~~
7 ~~Education Committee.]~~

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