

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 2044

Amending Bar Rule 65(e) to allow
general Continuing Legal
Education credit hours for certain
pro bono legal service.

IT IS ORDERED:

Bar Rule 65(e) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 65. Continuing Legal Education.

(a) *Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.* * * * *

(b) *Carryforward of Credit Hours.* * * * *

(c) *Mandatory Reporting.* * * * *

(d) *Time Extensions.* * * * *

(e) *CLE Activities.* The MCLE standards of this rule may be met either by attending approved courses or completing any other continuing legal education activity approved for credit under these rules. If the approved course or activity or any portion of it relates to ethics as described in (a) of this rule, the member may claim MECLE credit for the course or activity or for the ethics-related portion of it. Any course or continuing legal education activity approved for credit by a jurisdiction, other than Alaska, that requires continuing legal education is approved for credit in Alaska under this rule. The following activities are for credit when they meet the conditions set forth in this rule:

(1) preparing for and teaching approved CLE courses and participating in public service broadcasts on legal topics; credit will be granted for up to two hours of preparation time for every one hour of time spent teaching;

(2) studying audio or video tapes or other technology-delivered approved CLE courses;

(3) writing published legal articles in any publication or articles in law reviews or specialized professional journals;

(4) attending substantive Section or Inn of Court meetings;

(5) participating as a volunteer in Youth Court or similar law-related educational youth activities;

(6) attending approved in-house continuing legal education courses;

(7) attending approved continuing judicial education courses;

(8) attending approved continuing legal education courses including local bar association programs and meetings of professional legal associations;

(9) participating as a mentor in a relationship with another member of the Alaska Bar Association for the purpose of training that other member in providing effective pro bono legal services;

(10) participating as a member of the Alaska Bar Association Law Examiners Committee, the Alaska Bar Association Ethics Committee, the Alaska Rules of Professional

Conduct Committee, or any standing or special rules committees appointed by the Alaska Bar Association or the Alaska Supreme Court;

(11) participating as a member of an Area Discipline Division or an Area Fee Resolution Division; and

(12) providing free civil legal services under the supervision of a “qualified legal services provider” as defined in Alaska Bar Rule 43.2(c)(2), or at a free legal clinic sponsored by a qualified legal services provider. A member may receive one general credit hour for every two hours of pro bono service as provided in this rule. To be eligible to receive general CLE credit under this rule, a member:

(A) Must be in good standing of the Alaska Bar Association; and

(B) May neither ask for nor receive personal compensation of any kind for the legal services rendered under this rule. If allowed by law, the pro bono attorney may seek attorney’s fees to be donated to the sponsoring qualified legal services provider.

(f) *Approval of CLE Programs.* * * * *

(g) *Effective Date; Reporting Period; Inapplicability to New Admittees.*

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DATED: October 2, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: *Nunc pro tunc* January 1, 2025

/s/
Chief Justice Carney

/s/
Justice Borghesan

/s/
Justice Henderson

/s/
Justice Pate

/s/
Justice Oravec