

# CHART XIII: Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

State or Jurisdiction	Does your jurisdiction have a mandatory CLE requirement?		Description
	Yes	No	
Alabama	X		12 hours per year.
Alaska		X	Voluntary rule with incentives (dues discount); 12 hours, including 1 hour ethics per year.
Arizona	X		15 hours per year, including 2 hours of professional responsibility including ethics, professionalism, malpractice prevention, substance abuse, attorney fees, client development, law office economics.
Arkansas	X		12 hours per year, which includes 1 hour of ethics.
California	X		25 hours per 3 years, including 4 hours in legal ethics, 1 hour in substance abuse prevention/detection and treatment, and 1 hour related to the elimination of bias in the legal profession.
Colorado	X		45 hours of CLE required over a 3-year period, including 7 hours of legal ethics and professionalism. Newly admitted must attend the Colorado Bar Association's Seminar on Professionalism in the first compliance period.
Connecticut		X	
Delaware	X		30 hours over a 2 year period. Ethics: 3 hours per 2 years. Professionalism: 2-6 hours per 2 years.
Dist. of Columbia		X	
Florida	X		30 hours over a 3-year period, including 5 hours of ethics, professionalism, substance abuse, or mental illness awareness.
Georgia	X		12 hours per year, including 1 hour of legal ethics and 1 hour of professionalism, plus a mandatory bridge-the-gap course included in the 12-hour requirement in first full year of practice.
Hawaii		X	
Idaho	X		30 hours during a 3-year period, including 2 hours ethics. Practical skills seminar required within 12 months of admission.
Illinois		X	
Indiana	X		36 hours over a 3-year period with a minimum of 6 hours per year. Three hours of 36 shall be professional responsibility.
Iowa	X		15 hours per year; 2 hours of legal ethics every 2 years.
Kansas	X		12 hours annually, including 2 hours of legal ethics each year.
Kentucky	X		12.5 hours per year, including 2 hours of ethics.
Louisiana	X		12.5 hours per year, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism; plus any newly admitted active member shall, during the year of his or her admission through the next calendar year, attend 12.5 hours of approved CLE and not less than 8 of such hours shall concern legal ethics, professionalism, or law office management.
Maine	X		11 hours of CLE annually with 1 hour covering professional responsibility.
Maryland		X	
Massachusetts		X	
Michigan		X	
Minnesota	X		Over a 3-year period, 45 hours, including 3 hours legal ethics and 2 hours elimination of bias in the legal profession.
Mississippi	X		12 hours per year.
Missouri	X		15 hours per year. Must include 3 hours of ethics, professionalism or malpractice prevention every three years. New admittees must complete 3 hours of ethics, professionalism or malpractice prevention within 12 months of license date.
Montana	X		A minimum of 15 hours per year; 5 hours of ethics every 3 years.



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Nebraska		X	
Nevada	X		10 hours per year; 2 hours of ethics. Those in first year of admission must take bridge-the-gap course
New Hampshire	X		12 hours per year; 2 hours of ethics.
New Jersey	X		Limited to attorneys who are certified as specialists.
New Mexico	X		15 hours per year, including 1 hour of legal ethics and 2 hours of professionalism. All members newly admitted to the practice of law must obtain 10 hours of practical skills during the first two compliance reporting years.
New York	X		24 hours biennially. Newly admitted lawyers must complete 32 hours within the first two years of admission to the bar.
North Carolina	X		12 hours per year. At least 2 hours must be devoted to professional responsibility (legal ethics and professional liability); 9 hours practical skills each of first 3 years of practice; special 3-hour block ethics requirement every 3 years; 1 hour on substance abuse or mental disability every 3 years.
North Dakota	X		45 hours over a 3-year period, of which 3 hours must be ethics course work.
Ohio	X		At least 2.5 of the 24 hours required biennially shall relate to professional conduct and include 30 minutes related to substance abuse, 60 minutes related to the Code of Professional Responsibility, and 60 minutes related to professionalism. New admittees must comply with a New Lawyers Training Program.
Oklahoma	X		12 hours per year, including 1 hour of legal ethics.
Oregon	X		45 hours over 3 years, including 6 legal ethics (one of which must be on child abuse reporting and 3 on elimination of bias); New admittees – 15 credits, including 10 practical skills and 2 legal ethics (one of which must be on child abuse reporting and one on elimination of bias).
Pennsylvania	X		12 hours per year, including 1 hour of ethics.
Rhode Island	X		10 hours each reporting year; 2 hours must be ethics.
South Carolina	X		14 hours annually; at least 2 shall be devoted to ethics/professional responsibility.
South Dakota		X	
Tennessee	X		12 hours each year plus 3 hours ethics.
Texas	X		15 hours each year, including 3 hours of legal ethics.
Utah	X		24 hours over a 2-year period, including 3 hours of legal ethics.
Vermont	X		20 hours over a 2-year period, including 2 hours of legal ethics.
Virginia	X		12 hours per year, including 2 hours ethics.
Washington	X		45 hours every 3 years, of which 6 hours must be devoted to ethics. New admittees are exempt during the year admitted and for the following calendar year.
West Virginia	X		24 hours every 2 years. At least 3 of these hours must be in legal ethics or law office management, substance abuse, or elimination of bias in the legal profession. Within one year of admission, must complete bridge-the-gap seminar.
Wisconsin	X		30 hours during a 2-year period, including 3 hours of legal ethics.
Wyoming	X		15 hours each year, including 1 hour per year on legal ethics.
Guam	X		6 hours required each year.
N. Mariana Islands	X		10 hours required each year.
Palau		X	
Puerto Rico	X		24 hours over a two year period, including 4 hours of legal ethics.
Virgin Islands		X	

No supplemental remarks.