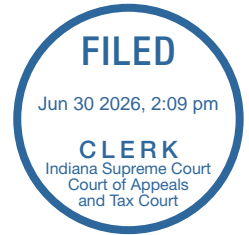


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 26S-MS-8

Order Amending Admission and Discipline Rules



The Indiana State Bar Association and the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education have proposed amendments to the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and Mandatory Judicial Education Guidelines, which follow Rule 29 of the Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys. The proposed amendments expand the opportunities for attorneys to receive continuing legal education credit for law practice management courses.

The Court has considered the proposed amendments. Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and Mandatory Judicial Education Guidelines are amended as set forth in Exhibit A to this order (deletions shown by ~~strikethrough~~ and new text shown by underlining).

These amendments are effective July 10, 2026.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana on 6/30/2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush".

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices Concur.

Exhibit A

Rule 29. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and Mandatory Judicial Education Guidelines

Section 3. Accreditation Policies.

(a) Approval of Courses.

The Commission shall approve the course if it determines that the course will make a significant contribution to the professional competency of Attorneys or Judges who enroll. In determining if a course meets this standard, the Commission shall consider whether:

(3) the course deals with matters related directly to the practice of law or the professional responsibility of Attorneys or Judges. This includes law practice management topics that contribute to the professional competency of Attorneys.

(b) Approval of Other Educational Activities.

(1) Credit may be given for the following legal subject matter courses:

(v) Law Practice Management Courses. An Attorney or Judge who attends a law practice management course may apply for general CLE credit. Eligible topics may include trust accounting, client communication, office and personnel management, legal technology, cybersecurity, financial planning, pricing strategies, business development, and the ethical marketing of legal services. Credit shall be granted when the course is designed to improve professional competency, enhance client service, or support the sustainability of legal practices. Courses primarily devoted to matters not related to law practice management will be denied credit. A course may receive partial credit if only a portion qualifies.

(vi) Ethics Concentrated Law Firm Practice Management Courses. An Attorney or Judge who attends a law firm practice management course with a concentration on: Trust accounting, ethical client contact, and ethical use of staff and resources, ethics, professional responsibility, or compliance within a law firm, including topics such as

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trust accounting, ethical client communication, supervision of non-lawyer staff, or the responsible use of law office technology, may apply for ethics credit. ~~Any portion of the course dealing with marketing of services or profit enhancement will be denied credit. ethics-focused portion of a broader program may be submitted for partial ethics credit.~~

(vii) Teaching Approved Courses. An Attorney or Judge who participates as a teacher, lecturer, panelist, or author in an approved course will receive credit for:

(2) Subject to the 12-hour limitation set forth in Rule 28, Section 3(b) and Rule 29, Section 3(a) and the 18-hour limitation set forth in Rule 28, Section 3(a), credit may also be given for Non Legal Subject Matter (NLS) Courses.

(i) Sponsor Applications for NLS Course Approval. A sponsor may apply for and receive accreditation of an NLS course. ~~An NLS course may be approved without reference to Section 3(a)(1) of these guidelines. Courses, including law practice management topics, that do not meet the criteria under Section 3(a)(3) shall be designated as NLS credit.~~ The following is a non-exclusive list of courses that may be accredited under this section:

(A) Law ~~Firm Practice~~ Management Courses. A Sponsor may apply for NLS accreditation of a law practice management course that does not meet the criteria of Section 3(b)(1)(v) or Section 3(b)(1)(vi) Ethics Concentrated Law Firm Management courses (above). To be accredited, the course must deal with law firm practice management as opposed to office management in general. Further, the course must be directed to Attorneys or law office administrators. ~~Any portions of the course dealing mainly with profit enhancement or marketing of services will be denied credit.~~

(6) Accreditation of in-house and distance education courses. The Sponsor, Attorney, or Judge must demonstrate that:

(vii) the course deals with matters related directly to the practice of law, including law practice management and operations, management or administration of a court, the adjudication of cases, or the professional responsibility of Attorneys or Judges;
