

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION  
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**

**PRACTICE OF LAW**

**SCR 3.661 Continuing legal education requirements: compliance and certification**

(1) Each educational year, every person licensed to practice law in this Commonwealth, not specifically exempted pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3.666, shall complete and certify a minimum of twelve and one-half (12.5) credit hours in continuing legal education activities approved by the Commission, including a minimum of two (2) credit hours devoted to continuing legal education specifically addressing the topics of legal ethics, professional responsibility or professionalism. All continuing legal education activities must be completed not later than June 30 of each educational year.

(2) Certification of completion of approved CLE activities must be received by the Director not later than August 10th immediately following the educational year in which the activity is completed. Certification shall be submitted to the Director by the sponsor of the accredited activity or by individual attorneys. Sponsors submitting certifications to the Director shall comply with all requirements set forth in SCR 3.665(6).

(3) Programs or seminars or designated portions thereof devoted to legal ethics or professional responsibility include but are not limited to programs or seminars or designated portions thereof with instruction focusing on the Rules of Professional Conduct and/or the Rules of Professional Conduct as they are directly related to law firm management, malpractice avoidance, attorneys fees, legal ethics, and the duties of attorneys to the judicial system, public, clients and other attorneys.

(4) Integration of legal ethics or professional responsibility issues into substantive law topics is encouraged, but shall not count toward the two (2) credit minimum annual requirement.

(5) A member who accumulates an excess over the twelve and one-half (12.5) credit requirement may carry forward the excess credits into the two successive educational years for the purpose of satisfying the minimum requirement for those years. Carry forward is limited to a total of twenty-five (25) credits. All excess credits above a total of twenty-five (25) credits will remain on the member's records but may not be carried forward.

(6) Carry-forward credits shall be allowed to satisfy the two (2) credit annual requirement for continuing legal education addressing the topics of legal ethics, professional responsibility and professionalism, and may be carried forward into the two years next succeeding the year in which the hours were earned. Carry forward for ethics, professional responsibility and professionalism is limited to a total of four (4) credits.

(7) Certification may be submitted by sponsors or by individuals on approved Association forms, or uniform certificates, or any other format adopted by the Commission.

(8) Compliance and certification requirements concerning the New Lawyer Skills Program are set forth at SCR 3.652(5) and (6).

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