

AMENDMENT

LOCAL RULE #1, SECTION D

ANNUAL CLE REQUIREMENT

"After admission to the bar of this district, each attorney shall complete a minimum of **THREE** hours of legal education each reporting year. The hours must be in programs in federal pretrial or trial practice which are approved by the Clerk of this Court. These hours may include hours which are also reported for Missouri Bar continuing legal education credit."

Change effective beginning with the 1997 reporting period
(July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997)

Amended Effective January 1, 1997

To enable members of the Bar of the Western District of Missouri to determine their responsibilities under the CLE provision of Local Rule 1, section D, the following guidelines are hereby published.

Reporting Period and Filing Requirements

The WDMO federal CLE reporting year coincides with the Missouri Bar CLE reporting year: July 1 - June 30 and hours are reported using the Missouri Bar CLE reporting form. Requests for an extension of time must be made in writing to the Clerk of the Court and include the reason for requesting an extension. If an extension is granted, the new reporting date is September 30. Hours obtained during an extension period are then reported directly to the Court.

Those Exempt

- Judges and law clerks of all jurisdictions during their official tenure in those positions
- Attorneys who become members of the bar after January 1 of the year in which a CLE report is to be filed, are not required to complete the CLE requirements for that reporting period
- Attorneys who have attained 50 years in practice of law

Carry-over Provision

There is no carry-over provision. The **three** hours of WDMO federal CLE must be earned each reporting period.

Programs Meeting Local Rule 1 Requirements

Major providers of training may have a course/seminar pre-approved by the Court. If this is done, most providers note such on their advertisement literature. If uncertain as to whether a course/seminar is approved for WDMO federal CLE credit, the detailed agenda (including break-down of presentation times) may be submitted to the Court (Attn: CLE) for approval.

Speaker Credit/Committee Service/Video Presentations/Tapes/Books

Any member of the bar who participates as a speaker at a WDMO federal CLE approved program shall receive credit for actual presentation time and preparation time, not to exceed 3 hours. Service on a Criminal or Civil Jury Instruction Committee of the Court may be reported for compliance with the WDMO federal CLE requirement. Video presentations (unless live via satellite), tapes, and books are not acceptable means of obtaining WDMO federal CLE credit.

Hardship Compliance

A member of the bar, for whom compliance with this rule is difficult due to: a physical or mental disability, military or other governmental service at an isolated place of duty, or for other good cause, may submit a written request setting forth the circumstances, and upon approval of the Court, be granted a waiver, extension of time, or authorization to comply with Local Rule 1 section D, in an alternative method. All such requests shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Court.

For further information regarding Local Rule #1 please contact: (816) 426-2811 x 225 (voice), (816) 426-2819 (fax) or write: U.S. District Court, 811 Grand Ave., Room 201, Attn: CLE, Kansas City, MO 64106