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Below is a listing of states who may or may not have revised their CLE requirements because of the COVID 19 pandemic as of June 1, 2020:

Alabama - Limited to 6 hours of on-demand courses per year, but that DOES NOT apply to live teleconference/WebCast conferences.

Alaska – No changes.

Arizona – Is extending the reporting deadlines and CLE for 2019-2020 to December 30, 2020 (previously they were June 30 and September 15).

California – State Bar of California has issued an order extending the late CLE deadline to September 30, 2020 (previously June 30) for attorneys in Group 3 who have not yet completed their requirement.

Colorado – No changes.

Delaware –Has temporarily waived the 12-hour live credit requirement for attorneys for reporting cycles ending on December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021. All 24 credits for those 2 reporting cycles may be satisfied by approved courses in any format, including On-Demand.

Idaho – No changes.

Illinois - The Illinois Supreme Court issued an order extending the MCLE deadline by 90 days, to September 30, for attorneys due in 2020 (last names beginning with A-M) who are unable to complete their requirement by June 30.

Indiana – The Indiana Supreme Court has issued an order temporarily waiving the credit limitation for distance learning as follows: Attorneys with a CLE deadline of December 31, 2020 may complete all their credits via online courses. Attorneys with a deadline on or before December 31, 2022 may complete up to 24 credits via online courses.

Kansas - The Supreme Court of the State of Kansas has issue an order granting an automatic extension for the 2019-2020 CLE and Reporting Deadlines to September 30, 2020 for attorneys unable to complete their requirement by June 30, 2020. They have also removed the credit limitation on pre-recorded CLE for this same period. Kansas attorneys can complete their entire 2019-2020 requirement via On Demand CLE courses.

Louisiana – The Louisiana Supreme Court has lifted the limitation on self-study credits for attorneys who are delinquent on their 2019 requirement. These attorneys may now complete their entire credit requirement through on-demand courses, which must be earned and reported by May 15, 2020. Late filing penalty will still be assessed. On April 28, 2020 the Louisiana Supreme Court lifted the online MCLE limit from 4 hours to 12.5 hours for the 2020 compliance period ending December 31, 2020.

Maine - At their March meeting, the directors of the Board of Overseers of the Bar decided to extend the 2018/2019 CLE reporting deadline. The Board made this decision because of the significant changes resulting from amended Maine Bar Rule 5, including the new mandatory harassment and discrimination credit, and the challenges associated with implementing the Rule. Consequently, the Board is extending the CLE reporting deadline to **December 31, 2020**. The Board also decided to forgo the imposition of late fees for the 2018/2019 reporting period.

Montana – Attorneys will not be assessed any late fees if the required credits are completed and reported by May 15, 2020 (usual deadline is March 31). Montana attorneys may also complete their credits online via a combination of live webcasts and on-demand.

Nebraska - The Nebraska Supreme Court has issued an order temporarily removing the limit to distance learning courses. Attorneys can complete up to ten credits of distance learning for all CLE requirements due on or before January 20, 2021. This includes the 2020 requirement.

New Mexico – Has extended the MCLE late reporting deadline by 30 days. New deadlines are as follows:

- April 30, 2020: 2019 credits can be reported with a \$100 late fee
- May 31, 2020: 2019 credits can be reported with a \$350 late fee
- June 1, 2020: list of non-compliant attorneys will be sent to the Supreme Court

North Dakota – Has temporarily suspended the credit limitation on self-study courses for attorneys who report in 2020. These attorneys may complete any portion of their requirements as on demand courses.

Ohio – Has waived the self-study cap for the 2018-2019 late compliance period and extended the deadline to June 29, 2020. Any attorneys that still need to finish their requirements can do so by using On-Demand programming. The Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (“Commission”) has waived the self-study caps for attorneys and judges with the last names beginning with M-Z to complete the CLE requirements for the 2019-2020 compliance period ending December 31, 2020. Accordingly, attorneys and judges may complete all CLE requirements through approved self-study courses, including live interactive webinars, for the compliance period ending December 31, 2020. Please note that, in Ohio, only sponsors can apply for accreditation of self-study programs, attorneys may not.

Oklahoma – No changes.

Pennsylvania – Has extended the CLE deadline for compliance group 1 to August 31, 2020 (previously April 30).

South Dakota – Does not have mandatory CLE.

Tennessee – Has temporarily waived the 8-hour distance learning CLE limitation. Now attorneys can complete any portion of the 2020 requirement through approved distance learning until December 31, 2020. (The Supreme Court also issued a similar order for the 2019 compliance year, but that ended on March 31, 2020).

Texas – Has granted the following automatic extensions for their CLE requirement:

- A 60-day extension for attorneys with March, April, or May 2020 compliance deadlines
- A 60-day extension for missed January or February compliance deadlines
- (to prevent the assessment of further fees)
- A one-month extension for attorneys subject to suspension for failure to comply with MCLE requirements in November or December 2019

Utah – Has suspended all requirements for in-person CLE until June 30, 2020. Utah attorneys with that deadline can now complete their required hours through webinars and self-study.

Virginia - For active lawyers required to complete MCLE requirements, the completion deadline for the 2020 MCLE requirement has been extended from October 31 to midnight EST December 31, 2020. Your CLE hours need to be reported no later than 4:45 p.m. EST February 15, 2021.

Wisconsin – Has temporarily increased the number of on-demand courses a lawyer can take to satisfy their requirement through December 31, 2020. Attorneys with this deadline and those that have a deficit from 2019 may now take up to 30 hours of on-demand. However, legal ethics need to be taken via live online or in person courses.

West Virginia - The West Virginia Mandatory CLE Commission issued an order suspending the live CLE requirement through June 30, 2020. West Virginia attorneys can now complete their full 24 hour requirement through video, audio, telephone seminars, computer-based training courses, or in-house instruction.

Wyoming – No changes.

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