

RULE CHANGE 2021(05)

**COLORADO RULES OF PROCEDURE REGARDING ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE AND
DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, COLORADO ATTORNEYS' FUND FOR CLIENT
PROTECTION, AND MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND JUDICIAL
EDUCATION**

Rules 250.1, 250.2, 250.6, 250.9 and 250.10

Rule 250.1. Definitions

(1) – (13) [NO CHANGE]

(14) “CLJE Regulations” refer to the Continuing Legal and Judicial Education Committee’s Regulations Governing Mandatory Continuing Legal and Judicial Education.

Rule 250.2. CLE Requirements

(1) CLE Credit Requirement. Every registered lawyer and every judge must complete 45 credit hours of continuing legal education during each applicable CLE compliance period as provided in these rules. The 45 credit hours must include at least seven credit hours devoted to ~~ethics~~professional responsibility. ~~Failure to comply with these requirements in a timely manner as set forth in these rules may subject the registered lawyer or judge to a fee, a penalty, and/or administrative suspension.~~

(a) Beginning January 1, 2023, the seven credit hours devoted to professional responsibility must include the following:

i. At least two credit hours in the area of equity, diversity, and inclusivity, and

ii. At least five credit hours in the areas of legal ethics or legal professionalism.

(b) Failure to comply with these requirements in a timely manner as set forth in these rules may subject the registered lawyer or judge to a fee, a penalty, and/or administrative suspension.

(2) – (8) [NO CHANGE]

Rule 250.6. Accreditation

(1) [NO CHANGE]

(2) Criteria. For an activity to be accredited, the following criteria must be met: (1) the subject matter must directly relate to legal subjects and the performance of judicial duties or the practice of law, including professionalism, leadership, equity, diversity, inclusivity, wellness, ethics, and law practice management, and (2) the activity must be directed to lawyers and judges. The CLJE Office will consider, in accrediting educational activities, the contribution the activity will make to the competent and professional practice of law or administration of justice.

~~(3) **Ethics.** For an activity or portion within an activity to be accredited as “ethics” it must deal with the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct, similar rules of other jurisdictions, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Rules of Judicial Conduct, or legal authority related to any of the above specified rules.~~
Professional Responsibility. For an activity or portion of an activity to be accredited as professional responsibility it must address legal ethics, legal professionalism, or equity, diversity, and inclusivity as these terms are defined in CLJE Regulation 103.1.

(4) – (7) [NO CHANGE]

Rule 250.9. Representation in Pro Bono Legal Matters

(1) Maximum Credits. A registered lawyer may earn a maximum of nine CLE credit hours during each three-year compliance period for providing uncompensated pro bono legal representation to indigent or near-indigent persons, or supervising a law student providing such representation. ~~Ethics~~[Professional responsibility](#) credit may not be earned under this rule.

(2) – (5) [NO CHANGE]

Rule 250.10. Participation in the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP)

(1) One-Year CAMP Program. A registered lawyer or judge may earn a maximum of nine CLE credit hours, two hours of which will count toward the [legal ethics portion of the professional responsibility](#) requirement of C.R.C.P. 250.2 (1), for successful completion of the one-year CAMP program curriculum (pursuant to C.R.C.P. 255) as either a mentor or as a mentee.

(2) Six-Month CAMP Program. A registered lawyer or judge may earn a maximum of four CLE credit hours, one hour of which will count toward the [legal ethics portion of the professional responsibility](#) requirement of C.R.C.P. 250.2 (1), for successful completion of the six-month CAMP program curriculum (pursuant to C.R.C.P. 255) as either a mentor or a mentee.

(3) CLE Credit Participation Criteria. To receive CLE credit hours as a mentor or mentee:

(a) – (b) [NO CHANGE]

(c) Mentors may participate in a CAMP program, one mentor relationship at a time, as often as they wish, but may receive a maximum of nine total CLE credit hours, including a maximum of two [legal ethics credit hours of the professional responsibility requirement of C.R.C.P. 250.2 \(1\)](#), per compliance period.

(d) – (g) [NO CHANGE]

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(4) [NO CHANGE]

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, April 15, 2021, effective July 1, 2021.

By the Court:

**Monica M. Márquez
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**