

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2026

***In the Matter of Amending)
the Rules of the Board of)
Continuing Legal Education)***

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**ORDER AMENDING THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF CONTINUING
LEGAL EDUCATION**

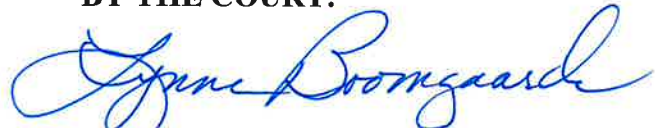
The Board of Continuing Legal Education, by and through Bar Counsel for the Wyoming State Bar, has recommended the Wyoming Supreme Court amend the Rules of the Board of Continuing Legal Education. This Court finds the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to the Rules of the Board of Continuing Legal Education, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective September 7, 2026; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the attached amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and this order and the attached amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <https://www.wyocourts.gov/>. The amendments shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2026.

BY THE COURT:*



LYNNE BOOMGAARDEN
Chief Justice

*Justice Gray would deny the amendments.

Rules of the Board of Continuing Legal Education

Rule 4. Continuing Legal Education Requirements and Conditions.

(a) *Requirements.* —

(1) *Active Members:* A minimum of 15 hours of continuing legal education including a ~~total of two~~ hours of legal ethics must be completed each calendar year, as provided in these rules.

(2) *New Active Members:* A minimum of 15 hours of continuing legal education including a ~~total of two~~ hours of legal ethics must be completed each calendar year, as provided in these rules. An attorney is exempt from the requirements of this rule during the calendar year in which the attorney is admitted to practice law in Wyoming.

(d) Attorneys who lecture in a continuing legal education activity accredited or eligible for accreditation as provided in these Rules will receive three hours of instruction credit for three hours for each hour spent lecturing. If an attorney lectures as part of a panel, the total length of the lecture will be divided by the number of panelists and that portion will be multiplied by three for instruction credit. Credit will not be granted for instructing duplicate courses in the same calendar year unless substantive changes are made in the program. Attorneys who instruct as part of the panel will be entitled to receive attendance credit for the portion of the activity for which they do not receive instruction credit.

(f) To obtain continuing legal education credit, an attorney shall ~~submit an application approved by the Board or~~ apply online on the Wyoming State Bar website (www.wyomingbar.org) for each continuing legal education activity for which credit is sought. The application must be ~~received by the Wyoming State Bar submitted online~~ on or before the applicable deadline and should be submitted within a reasonable time following participation in the activity. Applications received after March 1 for continuing legal education activities completed during the previous calendar year shall not be accepted.

(1) For continuing legal education activities which have received prior accreditation under Rule 6, no further documentation is required other than the online application.

(2) For continuing legal education activities which have not received prior accreditation under Rule 6, the online application shall include a brief description of the activity, its dates, subjects, instructors and their qualifications, a copy of the activity outline, activity brochure or other documentation upon which the CLE Director can make a determination as to the qualifications of the activity and the number of credit hours to which the applicant is entitled. Within a reasonable time after receipt of the online application and accompanying materials, the CLE Director shall notify the attorney that the activity is not accredited or if the number of hours of credit approved is less than requested. Such notification shall be made by ~~United States mail or by email to the address provided by such attorney to the Wyoming State Bar.~~

(g) The Wyoming State Bar shall maintain a record of the continuing legal education credits which have been accumulated for each attorney. On November 15 (or the next business day following) the Wyoming State Bar shall notify each attorney of the number of continuing legal education hours credited to that attorney for the current calendar year. Such notification shall be made by ~~United States mail or by email to the address provided by such attorney to the Wyoming State Bar.~~

Rule 5. Standards for Continuing Legal Education Activity.

(a) A continuing legal education activity consisting of lecture (classroom) style instruction qualifies for accreditation, and the attorney participants, both attendees and faculty, are entitled to continuing legal education credit, if the CLE Director determines that:

(4) The activity is accompanied by a detailed program description and any materials. ~~In addition, submittal of a written outline for the program and relevant supporting documents is recommended for all programs and required for all programs longer than 60 minutes. The written outline shall be provided to participants via paper copy or electronically. A PowerPoint or similar slide show may be used to satisfy this requirement.~~

(b) Time spent researching and writing articles that are published in a legal periodical including without limitation law reviews, legal newsletters, magazines or newspapers, consisting of case summaries, law updates and other subjects of interest to the legal community, qualifies for continuing legal education credit to a maximum of 15 hours in any calendar year. Authors of such articles applying for continuing legal education credit must submit a copy of the article, as published, with the ~~approved form~~ online application.

(c) An attorney may receive a maximum of five hours of legal education credit for each calendar year for providing pro bono public service as defined in Rule 6.1 of the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct. Such credit may be received at the rate of one credit hour for each two hours of pro bono public service, including but not limited to (1) performing pro bono public service, (2) acting as a mentor for another attorney who is performing pro bono public service, ~~and~~ (3) acting as a mentor for an eligible law student in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules Governing the Wyoming State Bar and the Authorized Practice of Law, and (4) serving as a coach or judge in mock trial competitions and similar activities. No pro bono hours may be carried over to any subsequent years.

Rule 6. Accreditation of Continuing Legal Education Activities.

A sponsor may apply for accreditation of a continuing legal education program by submitting an application for accreditation ~~online or on a form provided by the CLE Director~~, along with an application fee established by the Board. The application shall state the dates, subjects offered, total minutes of instruction, names and qualifications of speakers and other pertinent information. Accreditation will not be granted for programs dedicated to subjects of a political or ideological nature that are not reasonably related to the Wyoming State Bar's core functions as enumerated in its Bylaws, Article I Section 5(p). Programs are approved for 12 months and must be re-submitted for approval, along with payment of an application fee established by the Board, every 12 months in order for the program to be accredited that year. The application fee will be waived for programs that are being offered free of charge.

Rule 7. Hardship Waivers and Extensions.

(a) The Board may, in individual cases involving hardship, grant waivers of the continuing legal educational requirements, including the delinquency fee, or extensions of time. Hardship may be shown by illness, medical disability or other extraordinary or extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the attorney, but generally will not include financial hardship or lack of time due to a busy professional or personal schedule. Requests for waivers or extensions of time shall be ~~submitted in writing or on the Wyoming State Bar's website and must be received by the executive~~

~~director-submitted online~~ on or before the last business day preceding March 1 of the year following the reporting period for which the request is being made.

Rule 8. Exemptions.

(b) An attorney who is elected to state or national executive or legislative office is exempt from the provisions of Rule 4 if ~~written~~ request for exemption is made online each year the office is held.

(c) A member of the Board of Law Examiners is exempt from the provisions of Rule 4 if ~~written~~ request for exemption is made online each year the attorney is a member of the Board of Law Examiners.

Rule 10. Penalties for Failure to Satisfy Continuing Legal Education Requirement.

(a) An attorney who has not complied with the applicable continuing legal education requirement by January 15 of the year following the reporting period shall be delinquent and shall be assessed a \$300.00 delinquency fee. As soon as possible after January 15, the executive director of the Wyoming State Bar shall send a Notice of Delinquency to each delinquent attorney. The Notice of Delinquency shall be sent by United States mail and email to the attorney at the ~~official~~ address listed with the Wyoming State Bar. Attorneys who have not complied with the applicable continuing education requirement by January 15 of the year following the reporting period shall have until March 1 to cure the delinquency, along with payment of a \$300.00 delinquency fee payable to the Wyoming State Bar. Applications submitted after January 1 shall be applied first to the attorney's deficiency for the previous calendar year, if any.

(c) Upon receipt of the Recommendation for Suspension for Noncompliance with the continuing legal education requirement, the Court shall issue an Order to Show Cause as to why the delinquent attorney's license to practice law in the State of Wyoming should not be suspended, sent by United States mail and by email addressed to the attorney at the official address and email address listed with the Wyoming State Bar. Upon receipt of the order to show cause, the delinquent attorney shall either remedy the continuing legal education deficiency and pay the \$300.00 delinquency fee and ~~the~~ a \$300.00 noncompliance fee or shall file a response with the Court within 30 days of the date of the order to show cause by filing an original and six copies of such response with the clerk of the Court. The delinquent attorney shall also serve a copy of the response on the executive director of the Wyoming State Bar (who shall be included on the certificate of service), together with a \$300.00 noncompliance fee payable to the Wyoming State Bar. The \$300.00 noncompliance fee is in addition to the delinquency fee provided in subsection (a) of this rule.

(d) If the attorney files a response to the Order to Show Cause and ~~mail~~ provides a copy of the response to the executive director of the Wyoming State Bar, the Wyoming State Bar shall submit any additional information to the Court within five (5) days of filing of the attorney's response. The Wyoming State Bar shall serve such submission on the attorney by email.

Rule 12. Reinstatement.

A suspended member may seek reinstatement by filing a petition for reinstatement and six copies with the Court. Such petition shall be filed within one (1) year of the date of the order of suspension. A copy of the petition shall also be provided to the executive director of the Wyoming State Bar. The petition shall be supported by an affidavit which shows: (1) all past annual license fees, the current year's annual license fee and any late charges have been paid in full, in addition to all past and current annual fees for continuing legal education; (2) the attorney is current on all mandatory continuing legal education requirements; (3) there have been no claims in regard to the attorney paid by the Client Protection Fund for which the fund has not been reimbursed; and (4) the attorney has complied with all other applicable conditions for reinstatement. The petition shall be accompanied by a \$300.00 fee. A response by the executive director of the Wyoming State Bar may be filed within twenty (20) days of the date of service of the petition for reinstatement.

If an attorney who is suspended from the practice of law for failure to comply with continuing legal education requirements has not petitioned for reinstatement within one (1) year of the date of the order of suspension, such attorney's membership in the Wyoming State Bar shall be terminated by order of the Court. Such attorney who thereafter seeks admission to the Wyoming State Bar shall comply with the admissions requirements set forth in the Wyoming Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.
