

# CHANGES TO THE TEXAS MCLE REGULATIONS

The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors approved changes to the MCLE Regulations that will simplify accreditation fees charged to sponsors and will increase efficiency and cost savings for the State Bar. These changes will become effective January 1, 2020.

Under the new fee structure, the per attendee payment option is eliminated and a flat fee will be charged based upon total hours: One fee for courses between 0.5 and 2.5 hours, one fee for courses between 2.75 and 5 hours, one fee for courses 5.25-10 hours, and one fee for courses 10.25 or more hours.

It is important to note that the changes will not adversely affect costs for CLE sponsors or attorneys. Questions or concerns regarding the accreditation fee changes should be directed to the MCLE Department at [mcle@texasbar.com](mailto:mcle@texasbar.com) or by phone at 800-204-2222, ext. 1806.

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10.3.1 The accreditation fee for non-accredited sponsors shall be calculated as follows:

\$50 for 0.50 – 2.50 hours of credit

\$75 for 2.75 – 5.00 hours of credit

\$100 for 5.25 – 10.00 hours of credit

\$150 for 10.25 or more hours of credit

~~10.3.1 at the rate of \$20.00 per approved credit hour or \$10.00 per Texas attendee, whichever is less, with the minimum fee of \$50.00 to be paid for each CLE activity.~~

10.3.2 The accreditation fee for a sponsor who has been extended Accredited Sponsor status by the MCLE Committee outlined in Sections 10.3-10.3.7 or for an organization that meets the definition of a local bar association outlined below in Section 10.8.5, shall be calculated at the rate as follows:

\$35 for 0.50 – 2.50 hours of credit

\$60 for 2.75 – 5.00 hours of credit

\$85 for 5.25 – 10.00 hours of credit

\$120 for 10.25 or more hours of credit

~~10.3.2 of \$14 per approved credit hour or \$7.00 per Texas attendee, whichever is less, with the minimum fee of \$35 to be paid for each CLE activity.~~

10.3.3 Payment of the ~~minimum-accreditation~~ fee shall accompany each application for accreditation submitted by a non-accredited sponsor. Applications for accreditation submitted without payment of the ~~minimum~~ fee shall be returned to the sponsor without being processed for accreditation. If the ~~CLE~~ activity is subsequently ~~accredited~~ denied accreditation, the ~~balance of the~~ accreditation fee, except for a minimum fee of \$50 for non-accredited sponsors and \$35 for accredited sponsors, shall be refunded or credited to the sponsor's account, if any shall be paid by the sponsor within thirty (30) days after conclusion of the corresponding CLE activity.

## 11.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for this set of regulations shall be ~~June 13~~ January 1, 2017~~2020~~.