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Workers' Compensation Certification Annual MCLE Reporting Policy

To: All Certified Specialists

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The Certification Committee met via conference call, January 26, 2018 and voted to implement a Policy relating to Certified Attorneys obtaining and reporting annual MCLE requirements. The reporting timeframe remains July 1 to June 30 each year. Nine MCLE credits in the field of workers' compensation, including, but not limited to medical, trial advocacy, etc., must be acquired each year during that timeframe. The details of the Policy are as follows:

Certified Attorneys may elect to carry forward to the current reporting period no more than three excess MCLE credits (in the field of workers' compensation subject matter) obtained during the immediately preceding reporting period. If a Certified Attorney does not have the required nine MCLE credits and does not have any excess applicable credits from the preceding reporting period, the Certified Attorney will have two months (July 2 – Sept 1) to obtain no more than three additional credits to satisfy the MCLE requirements for the current reporting period. The Certified Attorney must report the additional credits obtained to the Committee no later than three months (October 1) after the reporting period to which the credits apply. Credits used to satisfy MCLE requirements cannot be used for that purpose for any prior or subsequent reporting period.

This Policy will become effective for the 2017 – 2018 reporting period. This Notice will be distributed to all Certified Specialists and will be posted to the Workers' Compensation Certification website.

Courses and Seminar Topics Approved to Meet the MCLE Requirements for Certification as a Workers' Compensation Specialist

CLE courses which meet the criteria required for certification or recertification as a specialist in the field of workers compensation consist of those presented by any CLE provider accepted as such by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board **AND** which encompass the following topics in the field of workers' compensation or relevant thereto, including but not necessarily limited to:

- AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment
- Apps for workers' compensation practitioners
- Avoiding malpractice
- Comparison of workers' compensation statutes or practice in other states
- Fee Agreements
- Future trends in workers' compensation
- Handling a workers' compensation claim
- Handling appeals to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board or appellate courts
- History of workers' compensation in Pennsylvania
- Human anatomy
- Immigration issues in worker's compensation
- Impairment Rating Evaluations
- Injuries, diseases or other medical conditions
- Interplay between workers' compensation and third liability party cases
- Interplay of workers' compensation and ADA and FMLA
- Jurisdiction in workers' compensation cases
- Legal ethics
- Medical Fee Review in workers' compensation
- Medicare Set Asides
- Offsets, credits, and subrogation in workers' compensation
- Practice before Workers' Compensation Judges
- Recent developments in workers' compensation
- Rules of Professional Responsibility
- Social Security disability
- Taking and defending depositions
- The Affordable Care Act's impact on workers compensation
- Undocumented workers in workers' compensation
- Use of social media in litigation
- WCAIS
- Workers' compensation fraud
- Workers' compensation mediation
- Workers' compensation practice and procedure

If the relationship to workers' compensation of any course for which credit is sought toward the CLE requirements for certification/recertification is not obvious from the course title, a detailed description of the course shall be submitted with the Application and will be considered for approval.