

CLE News

1. Resident Course Quotas

a. Attendance at resident continuing legal education (CLE) courses at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, U.S. Army (TJAGLCS), is restricted to students who have confirmed reservations. Reservations for TJAGSA CLE courses are managed by the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS), the Army-wide automated training system. If you do not have a confirmed reservation in ATRRS, attendance is prohibited.

b. Active duty service members and civilian employees must obtain reservations through their directorates training office. Reservists or ARNG must obtain reservations through their unit training offices or, if they are non-unit reservists, through the U.S. Army Personnel Center (ARPERCOM), ATTN: ARPC-OPB, 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200.

c. Questions regarding courses should be directed first through the local ATRRS Quota Manager or the ATRRS School Manager, Academic Department at 1 (800) 552-3978, extension 3307.

d. The ATRRS Individual Student Record is available on-line. To verify a confirmed reservation, log into your individual AKO account and follow these instructions:

Go to Self Service, My Education. Scroll to Globe Icon (not the AARTS Transcript Services).
Go to ATRRS On-line, Student Menu, Individual Training Record. The training record with reservations and completions will be visible.

If you do not see a particular entry for a course that you are registered for or have completed, see your local ATRRS Quota Manager or Training Coordinator for an update or correction.

e. The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army, is an approved sponsor of CLE courses in all states that require mandatory continuing legal education. These states include: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, MO, MT, NV, NH, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, and WY.

2. TJAGSA CLE Course Schedule (June 2005 - September 2007) (<http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/JAGCNETINTERNET/HOMEPAGES/AC/TJAGSAWEB.NSF/Main?OpenFrameset> (click on Courses, Course Schedule))

Due to implementation of the Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC), the dates of all courses scheduled after October 2006 are subject to change. Please check the School web site and the most recent *The Army Lawyer* for the most up-to-date schedule.

ATRRS No.	Course Title	Dates
GENERAL		
5-27-C22	54th Graduate Course	15 Aug 05 – thru 25 May 06
5-27-C22	55th Graduate Course	14 Aug 06 – thru 24 May 07
5-27-C22	56th Graduate Course	13 Aug 07 – thru 23 May 08
5-27-C20	169th Basic Course	3 Jan – 27 Jan 06 (Phase I – Ft. Lee) 27 Jan – 7 Apr 06 (Phase II – TJAGSA)
5-27-C20	170th Basic Course	30 May – 23 Jun 06 (Phase I – Ft. Lee) 23 Jun – 31 Aug 06 (Phase II – TJAGSA)
*5-27-C20	171st Basic Course	22 Oct – 3 Nov 06 (Phase I – Ft. Lee) 3 Nov – 31 Jan 06 (Phase II – TJAGSA)
5-27-C20	172d Basic Course	4 Feb – 16 Feb 07 (Phase I – Ft. Lee) 16 Feb – 2 May 07 (Phase II – TJAGSA)
5F-F70	37th Methods of Instruction Course	20 – 21 Jul 06
5F-F70	38th Methods of Instruction Course	19 – 1 Jul 07

5F-F1	190th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	30 Jan – 3 Feb 06
5F-F1	191st Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	27 – 31 Mar 06
5F-F1	192d Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	12 – 16 Jun 06
5F-F1	193d Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	11 – 15 Sep 06
5F-F1	194th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	13 – 17 Nov 06
5F-F1	195th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	5 – 9 Feb 07
5F-F1	196th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	26 – 30 Mar 07
5F-F1	197th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	11 – 15 Jun 07
5F-F1	198th Senior Officers Legal Orientation Course	10 – 14 Sep 07
5F-F3	13th RC General Officers Legal Orientation Course	24 – 26 Jan 07
5F-F52	36th Staff Judge Advocate Course	5 – 9 Jun 06
5F-F52	37th Staff Judge Advocate Course	4 – 8 Jun 07
5F-F52-S	9th Staff Judge Advocate Team Leadership Course	5 – 7 Jun 06
5F-F52-S	10th Staff Judge Advocate Team Leadership Course	4 – 6 Jun 07
5F-F55	2007 JAOAC (Phase II)	7 – 19 Jan 07
5F-JAG	2006 JAG Annual CLE Workshop	2 – 6 Oct 06
JARC-181	2006 JA Professional Recruiting Seminar	11 – 14 Jul 06
JARC-181	2007 JA Professional Recruiting Seminar	17 – 20 Jul 07
ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL LAW		
5F-F21	5th Advanced Law of Federal Employment Course	25 – 27 Oct 06
5F-F22	60th Law of Federal Employment Course	23 – 27 Oct 06
5F-F23	58th Legal Assistance Course	15 – 19 May 06
5F-F23	59th Legal Assistance Course	30 Oct – 3 Nov 06
5F-F23	60th Legal Assistance Course	14 – 18 May 07
5F-F24	30th Admin Law for Military Installations Course	13 – 17 Mar 06
5F-F24	31st Admin Law for Military Installations Course	26 Feb – 2 Mar 07
5F-F28	Tax Year 2006 Basic Income Tax CLE	11 – 15 Dec 06
5F-F29	24th Federal Litigation Course	31 Jul – 4 Aug 06
5F-F29	25th Federal Litigation Course	30 Jul – 3 Aug 07
5F-F202	4th Ethics Counselors Course	17 – 21 Apr 06
5F-F202	5th Ethics Counselors Course	16 – 20 Apr 07
5F-F24E	2006 USAREUR Administrative Law CLE	11 – 14 Sep 06
5F-F24E	2007 USAREUR Administrative Law CLE	10 – 13 Sep 07
5F-F26E	2006 USAREUR Claims Course	27 Nov – 1 Dec 06
5F-F28E	Tax Year 2006 USAREUR Basic Income Tax CLE	4 – 8 Dec 06
5F-F28P	Tax Year 2006 PACOM Basic Income Tax CLE	8 – 12 Jan 07

CONTRACT AND FISCAL LAW		
5F-F10	156th Contract Attorneys Course	17 – 28 Jul 06
5F-F10	157th Contract Attorneys Course	23 Jul – 3 Aug 07
5F-F11	2006 Government Contract Law Symposium	5 – 8 Dec 06
5F-F12	74th Fiscal Law Course	1 – 5 May 06
5F-F12	75th Fiscal Law Course	30 Oct – 3 Nov 06
5F-F12	76th Fiscal Law Course	30 Apr – 4 May 07
5F-F13	2d Operational Contracting Course	10 – 14 Apr 06
5F-F13	3d Operational Contracting Course	12 – 16 Mar 07
5F-F14	18th Comptrollers Accreditation Course (Ft. Bragg)	21 – 24 Feb 06
5F-F101	7th Procurement Fraud Course	31 May – 2 Jun 06
5F-F102	6th Contract Litigation Course	16 – 20 Apr 07
5F-F103	7th Advanced Contract Law	12 – 14 Apr 06
5F-F15E	2006 USAREUR Contract & Fiscal Law CLE	28 – 31 Mar 06
5F-F15E	2007 USAREUR Contract & Fiscal Law CLE	27 – 30 Mar 07
N/A	2006 Maxwell AFB Fiscal Law Course	6 – 9 Feb 06
N/A	2007 Maxwell AFB Fiscal Law Course	5 – 8 Feb 07
CRIMINAL LAW		
5F-F31	12th Military Justice Managers Course	21 – 25 Aug 06
5F-F31	13th Military Justice Managers Course	20 – 24 Aug 07
5F-F33	49th Military Judge Course	24 Apr – 12 May 06
5F-F33	50th Military Judge Course	23 Apr – 11 May 07
5F-F34	25th Criminal Law Advocacy Course	13 – 24 Mar 06
5F-F34	26th Criminal Law Advocacy Course	11 – 22 Sep 06
5F-F34	27th Criminal Law Advocacy Course	12 – 23 Mar 07
5F-F34	28th Criminal Law Advocacy Course	10 – 21 Sep 07
5F-F35	29th Criminal Law New Developments Course	29 Nov – 2 Dec 05
5F-F35	30th Criminal Law New Developments Course	14 – 17 Nov 06
5F-301	9th Advanced Advocacy Training	16 – 19 May 06
5F-301	10th Advanced Advocacy Training	15 – 18 May 07
INTERNATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL LAW		
5F-F42	85th Law of War Course	30 Jan – 3 Feb 06
5F-F42	86th Law of War Course	10 Jul – 14 Jul 06
5F-F42	87th Law of War Course	29 Jan – 2 Feb 07
5F-F42	88th Law of War Course	16 – 20 Jul 07
5F-F44	1st Legal Aspects of Information Operations Course	26 – 30 Jun 06
5F-F44	2d Legal Aspects of Information Operations Course	25 – 29 Jun 07

5F-F45	6th Domestic Operational Law Course	30 Oct – 3 Nov 06
5F-F47	45th Operational Law Course	27 Feb – 10 Mar 06
5F-F47	46th Operational Law Course	31 Jul – 11 Aug 06
5F-F47	47th Operational Law Course	26 Feb – 9 Mar 07
5F-F47	48th Operational Law Course	30 Jul – 10 Aug 07
LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS COURSES		
7A-270A1	17th Legal Administrators Course	19 – 23 Jun 06
7A-270A1	18th Legal Administrators Course	18 – 22 Jun 07
7A-270A2	7th JA Warrant Officer Advanced Course	10 Jul – 4 Aug 06
7A-270A2	8th JA Warrant Officer Advanced Course	9 Jul – 3 Aug 07
7A-270A0	13th JA Warrant Officer Basic Course	30 May – 23 Jun 06
7A-270A0	14th JA Warrant Officer Basic Course	29 May – 22 Jun 07
PARALEGAL AND COURT REPORTING COURSES		
512-27DC4	11th Speech Recognition Training	23 Oct – 3 Nov 06
512-27DC5	19th Court Reporter Course	30 Jan – 31 Mar 06
512-27DC5	20th Court Reporter Course	24 Apr – 23 Jun 06
512-27DC5	21st Court Reporter Course	31 Jul – 29 Sep 06
512-27DC5	22d Court Reporter Course	29 Jan – 30 Mar 07
512-27DC5	23d Court Reporter Course	23 Apr – 22 Jun 07
512-27DC5	24th Court Reporter Course	30 Jul – 28 Sep 07
512-27DC6	7th Court Reporting Symposium	30 Oct – 3 Nov 06
512-27D/20/30	17th Law for Paralegal NCOs Course	27 – 31 Mar 06
512-27D/20/30	18th Law for Paralegal NCOs Course	26 Mar – 6 Apr 07
512-27DCSP	2d Combined Sr. Paralegal NCO Course	12 – 16 Jun 06
512-27DCSP	3d Combined Sr. Paralegal NCO Course	11 – 15 Jun 07

3. Naval Justice School and FY 2006 Course Schedule

Please contact Monique E. L. Cover, Other Services Quota Manager/Analyst, SRA International, Inc., Naval Personnel Development Command, Code N72, NOB, 9549 Bainbridge Ave., N-19, Room 121, at (757) 444-2996, extension 3610 or DSN 564-2996, extension 3610, for information about the courses.

Naval Justice School Newport, RI		
CDP	Course Title	Dates
0257	Lawyer Course (020)	17 Jan – 17 Mar 06
0257	Lawyer Course (030)	5 Jun – 4 Aug 06
0257	Lawyer Course (040)	7 Aug – 6 Oct 06
NA	Brigade Oriented Legal Team (010)	20 – 24 Mar 06 (USMC)
NA	Brigade Oriented Legal Team (030)	7 – 11 Aug 06 (NJS)
0259	Legal Officer Course (010)	6-24 Feb 06
0259	Legal Officer Course (202)	12 – 30 Jun 06

900B	Reserve Lawyer Course (010)	1 – 5 May 06
900B	Reserve Lawyer Course (020)	11 – 15 Sep 06
914L	Law of Naval Operations (010)	8 – 12 May 06
914L	Law of Naval Operations (020)	18 – 22 Sep 06
850T	SJA/E-Law Course (010)	30 May – 9 Jun 06
850T	SJA/E-Law Course (020)	24 Jul – 4 Aug 06
786R	Advanced SJA/Ethics (010)	27 – 31 Mar 06 (San Diego)
786R	Advanced SJA/Ethics (020)	24 – 28 Apr 06 (Norfolk)
850V	Law of Military Operations (010)	12 – 23 Jun 06
961D	Military Law Update Workshop (Officer) (010)	20 – 21 May 06 (East)
961D	Military Law Update Workshop (Officer) (020)	17 – 18 Jun 06 (West)
961M	Effective Courtroom Communications	27 – 31 Mar 06 (San Diego)
961J	Defending Complex Cases (010)	17 – 21 Jul 06
525N	Prosecuting Complex Cases (010)	10 – 14 Jul 06
4048	Estate Planning (010)	14 – 18 Aug 06
7487	Family Law/Consumer Law (010)	22 – 26 May 06
7485	Litigation National Security (010)	6 – 8 Mar 06 (Washington, DC)
748K	National Institute of Trial Advocacy (010)	24 – 28 Oct 06 (Camp Lejeune)
748K	National Institute of Trial Advocacy (020)	30 Jan – 3 Feb 06 (San Diego)
748K	National Institute of Trial Advocacy (030)	22 – 26 May 06 (Hawaii)
748B	Naval Legal Service Command Senior Officer Leadership (010)	21 – 25 Aug 06
3938	Computer Crimes (010)	3 – 7 Apr 06
0258	Senior Officer (NewPort) (030)	13 – 17 Mar 06
0258	Senior Officer (NewPort) (040)	8 – 12 May 06
0258	Senior Officer (NewPort) (050)	10 – 14 Jun 06
0258	Senior Officer (NewPort) (060)	14 – 18 Aug 06
0258	Senior Officer (NewPort) (070)	25 – 29 Sep 06
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (040)	13 – 17 Feb 06 (Pensacola)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (050)	27 – 31 Mar 06 (Camp Lejeune)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (060)	3 – 7 Apr 06 (Quantico)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (070)	17 – 21 Apr 06 (Pensacola)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (080)	8 – 12 May 06 (Pensacola)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (090)	10 – 14 Jul 06 (Pensacola)
2622	Senior Officer (Fleet) (100)	28 Aug – 1 Sep 06 (Pensacola)
7878	Legal Assistance Paralegal Course (010)	22 – 26 May 06
3090	Legalman Course (010)	17 Jan – 17 Mar 06

932V	Coast Guard Legal Technician Course (010)	11 – 22 Sep 06
846L	Senior Legalman Leadership Course (010)	24 – 28 Jul 06
049N	Reserve Legalman Course (Phase I) (010)	10 – 21 Apr 06
056L	Reserve Legalman Course (Phase II) (010)	24 Apr – 5 May 06
846M	Reserve Legalman Course (Phase III) (010)	8 – 19 May 06
5764	LN/Legal Specialist Mid-Career Course (020)	24 Apr – 5 May 06
961G	Military Law Update Workshop (Enlisted) (010)	TBD
961G	Military Law Update Workshop (Enlisted) (020)	TBD
4040	Paralegal Research & Writing (010)	20 – 31 Mar 06 (Newport)
4040	Paralegal Research & Writing (020)	24 Apr – 5 May 06 (Norfolk)
4040	Paralegal Research & Writing (030)	17 – 28 Jul 06 (San Diego)
4046	SJA Legalman (020)	30 May – 9 Jun 06 (Newport)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (070)	21 – 23 Feb 06 (San Diego)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (080)	22 – 24 Feb 06 (Norfolk)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (090)	21 – 23 Mar 06 (Hawaii)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (100)	4 – 6 Apr 06 (Bremerton)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (110)	12 – 14 Apr 06 (Naples)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (120)	2 – 4 May 06 (San Diego)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (130)	22 – 24 May 06 (Norfolk)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (140)	19 -21 Jul 06 (Millington)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (150)	1 – 3 Aug 06 (San Diego)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (160)	16 – 18 Aug 06 (Norfolk)
627S	Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (170)	12 – 14 Sep 06 (Pendleton)
Naval Justice School Detachment Norfolk, VA		
0376	Legal Officer Course (030)	6 – 24 Mar 06
0376	Legal Officer Course (040)	24 Apr – 12 May 06
0376	Legal Officer Course (050)	5 – 23 Jun 06
0376	Legal Officer Course (060)	24 Jul – 11 Aug 06
0376	Legal Officer Course (070)	11 – 29 Sep 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (030)	23 Jan – 3 Feb 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (040)	6 –17 Mar 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (050)	3 – 14 Apr 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (060)	5 – 16 Jun 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (070)	31 Jul – 11 Aug 06
0379	Legal Clerk Course (080)	11 – 22 Sep 06
3760	Senior Officer Course (040)	27 Feb – 3 Mar 06
3760	Senior Officer Course (050)	15 –19 May 06
3760	Senior Officer Course (060)	26 – 30 Jun 06
3760	Senior Officer Course (070)	17 – 21 Jul 06 (Millington)
3760	Senior Officer Course (080)	28 Aug – 1 Sep 06
4046	Military Justice Course for SKA/Convening Authority/Shipboard Legalman (030)	10 – 21 Jul 06

**Naval Justice School Detachment
San Diego, CA**

947H	Legal Officer Course (040)	27 Feb – 17 Mar 06
947H	Legal Officer Course (050)	8 – 26 May 06
947H	Legal Officer Course (060)	12 – 30 Jun 06
947H	Legal Officer Course (070)	14 Aug – 1 Sep 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (030)	6 – 17 Feb 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (040)	27 Feb – 10 Mar 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (050)	17 – 28 Apr 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (060)	8 – 19 May 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (070)	12 – 23 Jun 06
947J	Legal Clerk Course (080)	14 – 25 Aug 06
3759	Senior Officer Course (040)	13 – 17 Feb 06 (San Diego)
3759	Senior Officer Course (050)	3 – 7 Apr 06 (Bremerton)
3759	Senior Officer Course (060)	24 – 28 Apr 06 (San Diego)
3759	Senior Officer Course (070)	5 – 9 Jun 06 (San Diego)
3759	Senior Officer Course (080)	24 – 28 Jul 06 (San Diego)
3759	Senior Officer Course (090)	11 – 15 Sep 06 (Pendleton)
2205	CA Legal Assistance Course (010)	6 – 10 Feb 06 (San Diego)

4. Air Force Judge Advocate General School Fiscal Year 2006 Course Schedule

Please contact Jim Whitaker, Air Force Judge Advocate General School, 150 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5712, commercial telephone (334) 953-2802, DSN 493-2802, fax (334) 953-4445) for information about attending the listed courses.

Air Force Judge Advocate General School Maxwell AFB, AL	
Course Title	Dates
Paralegal Apprentice Course, Class 06-B	9 Jan – 22 Feb 06
Claims & Tort Litigation Course, Class 06-A	30 Jan – 3 Feb 06
Reserve Forces Judge Advocate Course, Class 06-A	6 – 10 Feb 06
Legal Aspects of Sexual Assault Workshop, Class 06-A	8 – 10 Feb 06
Fiscal Law Course (DL) , Class 06-A	6 – 9 Feb 06
Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Class 06-A	13 Feb – 14 Apr 06
Paralegal Craftsman Course, Class 06-B	22 Feb – 28 Mar 06
Paralegal Apprentice Course, Class 06-C	3 Mar – 14 Apr 06
Accident Investigation Board Legal Advisors' Course, Class 06-A	19 – 21 Apr 06
Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, Class 06-A	24 – 28 Apr 06

Military Judges' Seminar, Class 06-A	28 – 31 Mar 06
Paralegal Apprentice Course, Class 06-D	24 Apr – 6 Jun 06
Military Justice Administration Course, Class 06-A	1 – 5 May 06
Reserve Forces Judge Advocate Course, Class 06-B	8 – 12 May 06
Advanced Labor & Employment Law Course, Class 06-A	8 – 10 May 06
Operations Law Course, Class 06-A	15 – 25 May 06
Negotiation & Appropriate Dispute Resolution Course, Class 06-A	22 – 26 May 06
Air National Guard Annual Survey of the Law (Class 06-A & B) (Off-Site)	2 – 3 Jun 06
Air Force Reserve Annual Survey of the Law (Class 06-A & B) (Off-Site)	2 – 3 Jun 06
Staff Judge Advocate Course, Class 06-A	12 – 23 Jun 06
Law Office Management Course, Class 06-A	12 – 23 Jun 06
Paralegal Apprentice Course, Class 06-E	19 Jun – 1 Aug 06
Environmental Law Update Course, Class 06-A	28 – 30 Jun 06
Computer Legal Issues Course, Class 06-A	10 – 14 Jul 06
Legal Aspects of Information Operations Law Course, Class 06-A	12 – 14 Jul 06
Reserve Forces Paralegal Course, Class 06-A	17 – 28 Jul 06
Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Class 06-C	17 Jul – 15 Sep 06
Paralegal Craftsman Course, Class 06-C	1 Aug – 8 Sep 06
Paralegal Apprentice Course, Class 06-F	14 Aug – 26 Sep 06
Trial & Defense Advocacy Course, Class 06-B	18 – 29 Sep 06

5. Civilian-Sponsored CLE Courses

For addresses and detailed information, see the September 2005 issue of *The Army Lawyer*.

6. Phase I (Correspondence Phase), Deadline for RC-JAOAC 2007

The suspense for submission of all RC-JAOAC Phase I (Correspondence Phase) materials is ***NLT 2400, 1 November 2006***, for those judge advocates who desire to attend Phase II (Resident Phase) at TJAGLCS in January 2007. This requirement includes submission of all JA 151, Fundamentals of Military Writing, exercises.

This requirement is particularly critical for some officers. The 2007 JAOAC will be held in January 2007, and is a prerequisite for most judge advocate captains to be promoted to major.

A judge advocate who is required to retake any subcourse examinations or “re-do” any writing exercises must submit the examination or writing exercise to the Non-Resident Instruction Branch, TJAGLCS, for grading by the same deadline (1

November 2006). If the student receives notice of the need to re-do any examination or exercise after 1 October 2006, the notice will contain a suspense date for completion of the work.

Judge advocates who fail to complete Phase I correspondence courses and writing exercises by 1 November 2006 will not be cleared to attend the 2007 JAOAC. If you have not received written notification of completion of Phase I of JAOAC, you are not eligible to attend the resident phase.

If you have any additional questions, contact LTC Jeff Sexton, commercial telephone (434) 971-3357, or e-mail jeffrey.sexton@hqda.army.mil

7. Illinois Supreme Court Press Release

September 29, 2005

Supreme Court Establishes Continuing Legal Education for Attorneys and Commission on Professionalism

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Thursday new programs aimed at ensuring the quality of legal services in Illinois as well as promoting civility among lawyers within the profession and with their clients.

In two separate but related actions, the Court promulgated new and amended rules establishing a program which requires attorneys to take a minimum number of hours of continuing legal education, and establishing a permanent Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

“Under the new rules, attorneys are required to study both substantive legal matters as well as matters relating to professional civility,” Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas said. “This dual focus will help to ensure that the public is served by capable professionals who are fully informed of the latest developments in the law. The Commission will play a key role in the new continuing legal education program, working closely with both the bar and the law schools to ensure that professionalism and civility instruction is a part of every lawyer’s education.”

Illinois now becomes one of only 13 states with a permanent commission to promote an awareness of professionalism by all members of the Illinois bar and bench. Its creation is the outgrowth of an initiative first recommended by Chief Justice Thomas who publicly deplored lawyer conduct which degenerates “into a Rambo-style, win-at-all cost attitude by attorneys.”

Both actions were under study by the Court for some time. The Court gave its approval when it met during its first term under new Chief Justice Thomas, who assumed the Court’s leadership role on September 6. The new rules are effective immediately.

Minimum Continuing Legal Education:

The Supreme Court rules establishing minimum continuing legal education requirements (MCLE) are designed “to assure that those attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois remain current regarding the requisite knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill the professional responsibilities and obligations of their respective practices and thereby improve the standards of the profession in general,” a preamble to the new rules says. It states the public contemplates nothing less from attorneys.

The rules establish a board consisting of nine members appointed by the Court plus an executive director to administer the program. Individuals seeking appointment to the Board are invited to submit a resume and a brief personal statement to the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts. (See Special Announcement - MCLE Appointees 9/29/05)

The MCLE program will be funded from fees charged Continuing Legal Education (CLE) providers, and from late fees and reinstatement fees assessed to individual attorneys.

A key component of the program requires every new Illinois attorney admitted to practice after December 31, 2005 to complete a Basic Skills Course, totaling at least 15 hours of instruction. The course will cover local court practice and rules, filing requirements for various government agencies, the drafting of pleadings and other documents, practice techniques and procedures under the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct, client communications, the use of trust accounts, required record keeping and other rudimentary elements of practice.

“Law school teaches us how to think like lawyers, but not always how to practice law,” said Chief Justice Thomas. “The basic skills course will ensure that every new attorney enters the profession with a firm understanding of the tools that are essential to the day-to-day practice of law.”

CLE requirements for Illinois attorneys will increase incrementally. Every Illinois attorney subject to the Rules will be required to complete 20 hours of CLE activity during their initial two-year reporting period, 24 hours of CLE activities during their second two-year reporting period and 30 hours of CLE activity during all subsequent two-year reporting periods.

The first two-year reporting period for lawyers whose last names begin with the letters A through M begins July 1, 2006 and runs through June 30, 2008; and subsequent two-year reporting periods for these lawyers begin on July 1 of all even-numbered years. The first two year reporting requirement for lawyers whose last names begin with the letters N through Z begin on July 1, 2007 and runs through June 30, 2009; and subsequent two-year reporting periods for these lawyers begin on July 1 of all odd-numbered years.

To integrate the program with the goals of the Commission on Professionalism, a minimum of four of the total hours required for any two-year period must be in the area of professionalism; issues involving diversity; mental illness and addiction issues; civility or legal ethics. Courses and activities in these areas must be approved by the Commission on Professionalism and forwarded to the MCLE Board for accreditation. Without the Commission’s approval, courses in these areas will not be eligible for accreditation and will not satisfy the CLE requirement.

Attorneys must report their compliance with MCLE requirements on a certification form that will be mailed by the MCLE Director. It must be completed and submitted by the attorney within 31 days after the attorney’s reporting period (no later than July 31). An attorney may be given one, 60-day grace period. Failure to comply or failure to report compliance will result in the removal of the attorney’s name from the master roll of attorneys maintained by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, rendering the attorney ineligible to practice law in Illinois. An attorney may be reinstated only upon recommendation of the Board after certified full compliance and payment of additional late fees.

The rules also require attorneys to maintain certificates of attendance at CLE courses for a period of three years. The rules set up record keeping and audit procedures; and require CLE providers to make available a financial hardship policy for attorneys who might find it difficult to pay the cost of the courses.

Among its myriad duties, the nine-member administrative Board will recommend additional rules and regulations for MCLE, including fees sufficient to ensure that it will be financially self-supporting. It also is charged with accrediting commercial and non-commercial legal education courses and activities, and determining the number of hours to be awarded for attending such courses.

At least one member of the nine-member administrative Board will be a non-attorney and at least one will be a Circuit Court judge. Eligible attorneys for the board must have actively practiced law in Illinois for a minimum of 10 years. Board members will receive no compensation but will be reimbursed for reasonable, including necessary travel. Eligible attorneys are invited to seek appointment to the Board by submitting a resume and a brief statement in support of their candidacy to: Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director, Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, Chicago 60601. The deadline for application is October 31, 2005.

Attorneys and potential applicants are strongly encouraged to view the complete rules in their entirety on the Supreme Court website: www.state.il.us/court.

Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism

The purpose behind the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism is “to promote among the lawyers and judges of Illinois principles of integrity, professionalism and civility; to foster commitment to the elimination of bias and divisiveness within the legal and judicial systems: and to ensure that those systems provide equitable, effective and efficient resolution of problems and disputes for the people of Illinois.”

It is a direct outgrowth of the Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism, which was recommended to the Court, before he was Chief, by Justice Thomas and approved by the Court in November 2001.

“You hear a lot about how the practice of law is different now than in days past when a lawyer’s handshake meant something and a lawyer’s word was his bond,” Justice Thomas said when recommending the Committee. “That may be an

oversimplification, but in this day and age with competition in the profession for dollars and clients, activities sometimes degenerate into a Rambo-style, win-at-all cost attitude by attorneys.”

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Wheaton attorney David Rolewick, held a total of 12 Town Hall meetings in various locations around the state to consider characteristics of both professional and unprofessional lawyer behavior and to identify professionalism-related issues of concern to members of the bar and bench in each of the geographic locations.

Upon the Committee’s recommendation, the Court, under former Chief Justice Mary Ann. G. McMorrow, approved Committee-sponsored orientation programs on professionalism for incoming first-year law students in each of the Illinois law schools; and at these sessions, a justice of the Supreme Court administered a Pledge of Professionalism to the incoming law students, in an attempt to inculcate early a respect for professional behavior.

“With the establishment of a permanent Commission on Professionalism, Illinois today joins only 12 other states,” said Chief Justice Thomas. “The Commission’s creation reflects the Illinois Supreme Court’s commitment to elevating the overall level of professionalism within the Illinois legal community, as well as to identifying and addressing the sources of incivility and acrimony within the profession.”

The Commission will consist of a Chair and 13 additional members appointed by the Court, plus an Executive Director with sufficient staff. It will be funded by a \$10 increase in the annual registration fee paid by attorneys, raising the fee to \$239.

“These new rules signal a change in how attorneys are expected to deliver their services to the citizens of Illinois, raising the bar to require improved competency, effectiveness and civility in our legal system,” said committee chairman Rolewick. “The Court has also identified divisiveness and bias as characteristics that must be eliminated from the legal system of the state, providing our profession with an opportunity to be an example to the larger society rather than a reflection of it.” The Commission will include three full time faculty members at accredited Illinois law schools; two active trial court judges; one appellate court judge; six practicing lawyers and two non-lawyers.”

In addition to developing and approving professionalism and related courses certified under the MCLE program, the Commission is charged generally with “creating and promoting an awareness of professionalism by all members of the Illinois bar and bench.”

It will serve as a resource for information on professionalism, develop statements on principles of ethical and professional responsibility to encourage, guide and assist lawyers on the ethical and professional tenets of the profession; collaborate with law schools in the development and presentation of professionalism programs for law student orientation; and recommend to the Court means and methods of improving the profession.

The Commission will have no authority to impose discipline upon any member of the bar or bench.

8. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Jurisdiction and Reporting Dates

Jurisdiction	Reporting Month
Alabama**	31 December annually
Arizona	15 September annually
Arkansas	30 June annually
California*	1 February annually
Colorado	Anytime within three-year period
Delaware	Period ends 31 December; confirmation required by 1 February if compliance required; if attorney is admitted in even-numbered year, period ends in even-numbered year, etc.

Florida**	Assigned month every three years
Georgia	31 January annually
Idaho	31 December, every third year, depending on year of admission
Indiana	31 December annually
Iowa	1 March annually
Kansas	Thirty days after program, hours must be completed in compliance period 1 July to June 30
Kentucky	10 August; completion required by 30 June
Louisiana**	31 January annually; credits must be earned by 31 December
Maine**	31 July annually
Minnesota	30 August annually
Mississippi**	15 August annually; 1 August to 31 July reporting period
Missouri	31 July annually; reporting year from 1 July to 30 June
Montana	1 April annually
Nevada	1 March annually
New Hampshire**	1 August annually; 1 July to 30 June reporting year
New Mexico	30 April annually; 1 January to 31 December reporting year
New York*	Every two years within thirty days after the attorney's birthday
North Carolina**	28 February annually
North Dakota	31 July annually for year ending 30 June
Ohio*	31 January biennially
Oklahoma**	15 February annually
Oregon	Period end 31 December; due 31 January
Pennsylvania**	Group 1: 30 April Group 2: 31 August Group 3: 31 December
Rhode Island	30 June annually

South Carolina**	1 January annually
Tennessee*	1 March annually
Texas	Minimum credits must be completed and reported by last day of birth month each year
Utah	31 January annually
Vermont	2 July annually
Virginia	31 October Completion Deadline; 15 December reporting deadline
Washington	31 January triennially
West Virginia	31 July biennially; reporting period ends 30 June
Wisconsin*	1 February biennially; period ends 31 December
Wyoming	30 January annually

* Military exempt (exemption must be declared with state).

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