

# Changes to the Newly Admitted Attorney Requirement

## **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016: Changes to Formats Allowed for Completion of the Newly Admitted Attorney CLE Requirement.**

The New York State CLE Board adopted the following changes, **effective January 1, 2016**, to the requirement that newly admitted attorneys complete all of their CLE credits in the traditional live classroom setting or by fully interactive videoconference (there is **no change** to the number or categories of credit required, nor to the requirement that they be fulfilled by attending accredited transitional courses):

- **Law Practice Management** and **Areas of Professional Practice** credit may be completed in any approved format, including nonparticipatory formats such as on-demand audio or video, or live broadcast.
- **Ethics and Professionalism** credit may be completed in the traditional live classroom setting; by fully interactive videoconference; or by simultaneous transmission with synchronous interactivity, such as webconference, or teleconference, where questions are allowed during the program.
- There is no change in the requirement for **Skills** credit, which still must be completed in the traditional live classroom setting or by fully interactive videoconference.

Newly admitted attorneys **based in law offices outside of the United States** may fulfill up to 16 credit hours in any approved format. The remaining credit hours must be completed in a format permissible for the category of credit.

Newly admitted attorneys eligible for a **prorated CLE requirement** must complete the credit in a format permissible for the category of credit, except that no more than 14 credits may be earned through nonparticipatory formats, such as on-demand audio or video, or live broadcast.

The revised format restrictions apply only to attorneys **admitted to the New York Bar on or after January 1, 2014**, and only to **programs taken on or after January 1, 2016**.