

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CERTIFICATION
STANDING COMMITTEE POLICIES**

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- 1.01 At least 2 committee members will review each application filed.
- 1.02 The committee will discuss, as a whole, any questionable applications before a final recommendation is made.
- 1.03 Committee members will make a valid effort to attend all committee meetings and/or conference calls. Any conflict or absence should be reported to the staff liaison and the committee chair.

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2.01 Course Approval Standards

(a) Advanced

An advanced CLE course must challenge the intellect of and/or convey new material and information to an active practitioner who devotes 30% or more of time of practice in the field, has done so for at least five years and who possesses skills which colleagues recognize as above average and which would qualify him/her as a specialist. As a threshold matter, the effort must require and reflect substantial analysis and preparation and be of such quality so as to enhance the proficiency of a Board Certified Intellectual Property Law Lawyer.

- (1) Courses submitted for full credit towards Intellectual Property Certification must meet the criteria of advanced CLE as defined in 2.01(a).

(b) Intermediate

- (1) A course dealing with trial practice procedures or substantive law, determined to be at an intermediate level, may be awarded up to 100% of full credit.

(c) Basic

- (1) Courses determined to be at a basic level will be eligible for intellectual property law certification credit.

(d) General

- (1) No one course will be awarded hours in excess of 45.
- (2) Applicants may request intellectual property law certification hours for courses dealing with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, franchise law and entertainment law, subject to the following limitations:
 - (A) Credit for courses dealing with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including e-discovery, will be limited to 10 hours per certification or recertification period.
 - (B) Credit for courses dealing with franchise law will be limited to 10 hours per certification or recertification period.
 - (C) Credit for courses dealing with entertainment law will be limited to 20 hours per certification or recertification period.

2.02 Credit for Additional CLE Activities

(a) Lectures

Satisfactory performance as a lecturer on intellectual property law in an approved CLE seminar may qualify for credit.

- (1) Calculations for lecture credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(a).

(b) Writing

Credit for articles, books and chapters will be determined when the material is accepted for publication.

- (1) Calculations for writing credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(c).
- (2) Publication credit requests of 10 hours or more will be reviewed by the committee.

(c) College and University Teaching

Teaching intellectual property law courses in an approved law school or other graduate level program may qualify an attorney for credit.

- (1) Calculations for teaching credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(b).

(d) College and University Attendance

Attending intellectual property law courses at an approved law school or other graduate level program may qualify an attorney for credit.

- (1) Calculations for attendance credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.08(j).

(e) Completion of an LLM Degree in Intellectual Property Law

- (1) Up to 35 hours of intellectual property law continuing legal education credit may be awarded to an attorney who has obtained an LLM (Master of Laws) in Intellectual Property as a postgraduate law degree from an ABA accredited law school. The postgraduate law – LLM IP degree must be at least one year, post J.D. graduate, IP LLM program. The applicant may obtain the LLM IP postgraduate law degree in one or more years, but must obtain the postgraduate degree over a period no longer than 3 years.

(f) Individual Study

- (1) Individual study may be granted credit through the use of audio tapes, CDs, video tapes, films, DVDs, on-line courses or interactive CLE activities. Credit for these activities will be the same as that given for live CLE courses
- (2) 100 % of the total hours required for certification or recertification may be obtained through individual study.

(g) Interactive CLE Activities

- (1) Participation in activities that require participation at a particular date and time and allow the attorney to participate and/or interact will be considered “live” activities. These activities may include but are not limited to teleconferencing seminars and webinars.