

**JUVENILE LAW CERTIFICATION
STANDING COMMITTEE POLICIES**

100 ADMINISTRATION

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1.01 Meetings. The committee chair will designate meeting times and places and disseminate a calendar of meeting dates to the members at the beginning of each fiscal year.

1.02 Quorum. Five members will constitute a quorum of the committee for the transaction of business.

1.03 Attendance. Committee members must 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.

1.04 Participation. All committee members must make a valid effort to actively participate in all committee activities and assignments. Failure to maintain an active participation level may be grounds for consideration of removal from the committee.

1.05 Application Review. At least 2 members of the committee must review each application submitted. The committee must discuss, as a whole, any questionable applications before a final recommendation is made. If approval is not recommended, the committee must discuss and identify the basis upon which it recommends denial. Review must follow the review process set forth in the BLSE Policies.

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2.01 Accreditation.

(a) Topics. The following topics are acceptable for juvenile law certification credit:

- (1) Dependency
- (2) Delinquency
- (3) Termination of Parental Rights

- (4) School Issues (including but not limited to disciplinary issues, educational planning matters, placement determinations, and development of treatment and alternative plans)
 - (5) Government Benefits (when pertaining to children)
 - (6) Representation at Administrative Proceedings
 - (7) Health Care Matters
 - (8) Trial Practice and Procedure
 - (9) Appellate Practice and Procedure
 - (10) Immigration
 - (11) Childhood Development
 - (12) Substantive Criminal Law
 - (13) Other issues pertaining to children, excluding adoption matters and matters arising in the context of family law proceedings not consolidated with dependency or termination of parental rights matters
- (b) **Level.** Juvenile law certification CLE should challenge the intellect of, and convey new material and information to, an active practitioner who meets the substantial involvement requirement for juvenile law certification.
- (1) Advanced level courses must require and reflect substantial analysis and preparation as well as enhance the proficiency of a board certified juvenile law lawyer.
 - (2) Intermediate level courses must reflect analysis and preparation, and enhance the proficiency of a board certified juvenile law lawyer.
 - (3) Basic level courses must enhance the proficiency of a board certified juvenile law lawyer.
- (c) **Credit Guidelines.** Bar staff will review and award certification credits in accordance with the following guidelines:
- (1) Advanced, intermediate, and basic level CLE on juvenile law topics will receive 100% credit towards juvenile law certification.
- (d) **Providers.** A provider seeking approval of juvenile law certification CLE must meet the guidelines established in the BLSE policies.

- (1) The following providers may be acceptable for juvenile law certification CLE credits:
 - (i) The Guardian Ad Litem Program
 - (ii) Florida's Children First
 - (iii) Florida Department of Children and Families (via Center for Child Welfare Practice or Children's Legal Services)
 - (iv) The Legal Needs of Children Committee
 - (v) Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association
 - (vi) Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 - (vii) Florida Public Defender Association
 - (viii) National District Attorneys Association
 - (ix) National Juvenile Defender Center
 - (x) Regional Juvenile Defender Centers
 - (xi) Public Interest Law Section of The Florida Bar
 - (xii) Public Defender's Office
 - (xiii) State Attorney's Office
 - (xiv) Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
 - (xv) National Association of Counsel for Children

2.02 Credit for Individual CLE Activities.

- (a) **Lecturing.** Satisfactory performance as a lecturer or panel member in juvenile law approved CLE may entitle an attorney to juvenile law CLE credit.
 - (1) Calculations for lecture credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(a).
- (b) **College and University Teaching.** Teaching juvenile law-related courses at an approved law school or other graduate level program may entitle an attorney to juvenile law CLE credit.

- (1) Calculations for teaching credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(b).
- (c) **College and University Attendance.** Completion of juvenile law-related courses at an approved law school or other graduate level program may entitle an attorney to juvenile law CLE credit.
 - (1) Calculations for attendance credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.08(j).
- (d) **Writing.** Attorneys who write articles, books, and chapters in books may receive juvenile law CLE credit when the material is accepted for publication in a professional publication or journal.
 - (1) Calculations for writing credit will be determined in accordance with BLSE Policy 5.10(c).
- (e) **Individual Study.** Individual study credit may be earned through the use of CDs, DVDs, or on-line courses approved for juvenile law certification credit. Credit for these activities will be the same as that given the live presentation.