

Summary on CLE Rules

Continuous Legal Education Rules of GBA

The CLE implies existence of educational and qualification requirements for lawyers. The goal of the CLE is to enhance professional skills and knowledge of lawyers. The terms for the accumulation of mandatory credit hours is determined by the Executive Council of Georgian Bar Association.

Attendance at mandatory educational activities organized by the GBA Training Center in the framework of the CLE shall be free of charge for lawyers. However, this shall not exclude organization of certain paid educational activities on different issues attendance of which shall be voluntary for lawyers.

Based on a recommendation of the Educational Board, the Executive Council determines the number of mandatory credit hours by the end of the current year and approve the list of mandatory educational activities for the following year.

At this stage there is mandatory 12 hours credit hours system of CLE at GBA (INCLUDING two mandatory credit hours in professional ethics)

One credit hour shall equal one astronomic hour of an educational activity.

Accumulated additional credit hours may be carried over to the subsequent reporting period. The number of carried over credit hours shall be determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation by the Training Center.

Accumulation of credit hours shall only be possible through participation in educational activities accredited by the Executive Council.

At the end of each year, summation of mandatory credit hours shall be organized by the GBA Training Center.

The Executive Council shall impose administrative sanctions in case of failure to comply with the CLE requirements by the lawyer.

The CLE rules shall apply to all practicing lawyers. However, as a result of carrying out certain activities, certain benefits to the accumulation of credit hours shall be determined and apply to the following categories of lawyers, who:

- Have been granted a professor status and/or are carrying out educational activities (through conducting trainings for GBA members);
- Have published their article of legal content in a referred magazine;
- Have translated legal documents/essays into Georgian;
- Have published their book of legal content;
- Have participated in international conferences during the current year and have submitted a document certifying their participation in such an event;
- Have been granted a PhD during the current reporting year;
- Are unable to attend educational activities due to severe health condition (in such cases, the lawyer shall submit an application and certificate on health condition to the GBA Training Center).