



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 67-2008

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR MCLE COMPLIANCE OF NEW LAWYERS IN VIEW OF BAR MATTER NO. 1922, S. 2008

The MCLE Governing board in its meeting of February 6, 2008 laid down the guidelines for compliance by new lawyers with the MCLE requirements under section 3 (a) of Bar Matter No. 850, as follows:

Where four (4) months or less remain of current compliance period upon admission or readmission to the Bar, the member is not required to comply with the MCLE program requirement for the said compliance period.

Thus, lawyers who pass the Bar when only four (4) months or less remain of the compliance period, are exempted from complying with the MCLE requirement for the said compliance period. They shall comply with MCLE requirement for the next compliance period.

However, lawyers who are admitted to the Bar either one (1) year after the start of the current compliance period, or two (2) years after the start of the said compliance period, are required to comply with the MCLE requirements in accordance with the MCLE Governing Board resolution dated October 20, 2004, i.e. those admitted one year after the start of the current compliance period must comply with two-thirds (2/3) of the credit units required (24 c.u.) for that period; while those admitted two (2) years after the start of compliance period should comply with one-third (1/3) of the required credit units (12 c.u.)

LAWYERS ADMITTED TO THE BAR ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE
START OF THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD*

MCLE Subject:

Number of Units/Hours Required

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Updates on Substantive and Procedural Laws and Jurisprudence	X	x	x	x	x	x			
MCLE Committee Prescribed Subjects	X	x	x	x					
Legal Ethics	X	x	x	x					
Alternative Dispute Resolution	X	x	x						
Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy	X	x	x						
Trial and Pre-Trial Skills	X	x	x						
International Law and International Conventions	X								

Total : 24 Credit Units

*This is the MCLE compliance of 2002 and 2005 lawyers

LAWYERS ADMITTED TO THE BAR TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE
START OF THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD

MCLE Subject:

Number of Units/Hours Required

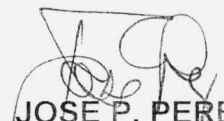
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Updates on Substantive and Procedural Laws and Jurisprudence									
MCLE Committee Prescribed Subjects	x	x	x						
Legal Ethics	x	x							
Alternative Dispute Resolution	x	x	x	x					
Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy									
Trial and Pre-Trial Skills	x	x	x						
International Law and International Conventions									

Total : 12 Credit Units

Lawyers who have complied with the MCLE requirement may secure an MCLE Certificate of Compliance the number and date of issue of which shall be indicated under their signature in all pleadings filed by them before the courts and quasi-judicial bodies pursuant to Bar Matter No. 1922, s. 2008.

For your information.

July 22, 2008


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