

Appendix C

Proposed amendment to Rule 45. The change is shown with underline. Two alternatives are shown in brackets of the proposed amendment.

(a) Continuing Legal Education Requirements.

1. Every active member of the bar, not exempted, shall complete a minimum of fifteen hours of continuing legal education activity in each educational year. An educational year shall begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30.

2. A minimum of three hours of continuing legal education activity each educational year shall be in the area of professional responsibility. Professional responsibility includes instruction in legal and judicial ethics, professionalism, and malpractice prevention, and may include such topics as substance abuse, including causes, prevention, detection and treatment alternatives, attorney fees, client development, law office economics and practice, alternatives to litigation for managing conflict and resolving disputes, stress management, and the particular responsibilities of public lawyers, judges, and in-house counsel, to the extent that professional responsibility is directly addressed in connection with these topics. Lawyers appointed or employed as government lawyers must have at least one hour on rules that are specifically applicable to government lawyers [each educational year] [within two years after the effective date of this amendment to this rule, or if not a government lawyer on the effective date, within two years after being appointed or employed as a government lawyer].

[No change to the remainder of the rule.]