

## **MCLE Rule Change FAQs**

### **What is the new rule?**

The Supreme Court entered an order amending the MCLE Rule 3.4 and Regulation 3.200 to require payment of a \$25.00 fee to obtain a Comity Certificate of MCLE Compliance from the Oregon State Bar. The new rule also requires a \$25.00 fee to file a Comity Certificate of MCLE Compliance from Washington, Idaho or Utah.

### **What is the reason for the new rule?**

The reciprocal MCLE compliance agreement between Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah allows attorneys to comply with their MCLE requirements in more than one jurisdiction without the expense and investment of time that would otherwise be required. In lieu of completing numerous credits in multiple states, attorneys may submit a Comity Certificate of MCLE Compliance from their primary state to another state where they are an active bar member with an MCLE requirement.

Just like all other certificates obtained from the bar for which a fee is charged, there is a cost associated with the preparation and delivery of Comity Certificates of MCLE Compliance. There is also a cost associated with bar staff processing of Comity Certificates members submit from Washington, Idaho and Utah. In order to keep overall bar dues down and to maintain consistency with other bar rules that impose fees for certificates, it was decided the costs associated with Comity Certificates should be paid only by those members requesting or submitting them, not the entire membership.

### **When is the new rule effective?**

The new rule becomes effective November 1, 2019.

### **How do I pay the fee if I need to obtain or submit a Comity Certificate?**

Members can pay the Comity Certificate fee online via credit card just like they pay the fee for all other bar certificates.

Click [here](#) to view the Supreme Court order and the amended language of MCLE Rule 3.4 and Regulation 3.200.