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TO: Vermont Bar

FROM: Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board

RE: Earning "Live" CLE Credits

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The Vermont Bar Association recently informed us that due to a change of delivery policy by their provider, their online CLE seminars no longer qualify for "live" credit. They have also notified their members of this change through the "VBA eNews".

The MCLE Board will honor any VBA online course taken through October 31, 2009 that was advertised by the VBA as live credit. Beginning November 1, 2009, no live credit will be allowed for the VBA's online seminars, even though they may be listed as "live webcasts" on the VBA's website.

Posted under the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education's link under Legal Information on the www.vermontjudiciary.org website is a Frequently Asked Question which may assist those who need clarification on "live" and "self-study" credit:

How can I determine whether a CLE activity is considered live or self-study?

If an activity is offered in real time with the opportunity and capability to interact with the presenter and others participating in the activity, then it is considered live. For example, renting videotapes for personal viewing at your convenience is considered self-study. An on-line course that you can do in stages and at your convenience is considered self-study. A live webcast with the opportunity to email in questions to the presenter and view questions posed by others participating in the webcast is considered live.

Also, a proposed rule amendment will soon be circulated to attempt to further clarify the definition that to qualify for "live" credit, the instructor and attendees must participate simultaneously, such as in a teleconference.

If you have any questions regarding the continuing legal education rules and regulations, which are available at <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/cle.aspx> please contact <mailto:JUD-AttyLicensing@state.vt.us>

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