

MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-2006

WHEREAS, Section 7 subparagraph (f) and Section 8 subparagraph (a) of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Implementing Regulations under Bar Matter No. 850 which prescribe standards for the approval of continuing legal education programs and special education activities, provide as follows:

Section 7. Approval of Continuing Legal Education Activity, Program, or Course

A continuing legal education activity approved for credit shall meet the following standards:

f. Application for approval of the activity, including information concerning the same, such as brochure describing it, the qualifications of the speakers, the method or manner of presenting the materials, and, if necessary, a set of the materials, shall be submitted to the Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the activity.

Section 8. Approval of Special Education Activity

a. An accredited provider shall apply for approval of a special education activity on a form to be provided by the MCLE Office. It shall contain a detailed description of the provider, the course, the course materials, the lectures and the activity, and shall be submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to the presentation of the activity.

WHEREAS, some accredited MCLE Providers violate the above-quoted implementing regulations by disregarding the 45-day period for the submission of their applications for approval of their MCLE activities and special education activities.

WHEREAS, the 45-day requirement for processing applications for approval of MCLE activities is intended to give the MCLEO enough time to pass upon the merits of a proposed activity, assess the competence and qualifications of the lecturers, assign program monitors to the activity, apply to the Supreme Court for authority to travel and purchase travel tickets for the trips of the monitors to the venue of the activity, and to request for the release of their necessary travel expenses – all of which may not be accomplished on shorter notice.

WHEREFORE, the MCLE Governing Board resolved to penalize Providers who violate the 45-day rule by imposing a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) payable to the MCLE Office before the presentation of the activity, and requiring said Providers to pay and provide the monitors with transportation fare to and from the venue of the activity, as well as their per diems, overtime pay, and board and lodging for the duration of the activities.

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MCLE Governing Board

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