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Rule 3.02. Ethics.

Ethics presentations shall be distinct segments no less than one hour in length, shall be specifically designated separately on the program application and shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Likewise, claims for ethics credit shall be designated separately on certificates of attendance submitted to the Secretary.

Ethics shall be defined as follows: "Legal ethics includes, but is not necessarily limited to, instruction on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct."

Ethics may include professionalism courses addressing the principles of competency, dedication to the service of clients, civility, improvement of justice, advancement of the rule of law, and service to the community.

Professionalism courses may include a lawyer's responsibility as an officer of the Court; responsibility to treat fellow lawyers, members of the bench, and clients with respect and dignity; responsibility to protect the image of the profession; responsibility generally to the public service; the duty to be informed about methods of dispute resolution and to counsel clients accordingly; and misuse and abuse of discovery and litigation.

Legal ethics does not include such topics as attorney fees, client development, law office economics, and practice systems except to the extent professional responsibility is directly discussed in connection with these topics.

In accord with Rule 2(C) non-resident attorneys shall not be subject to the one hour ethics requirement set forth in Rule 3(A) except insofar as their resident state require ethics credits.

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