The current MCLE Rules and Regulations describing the “access to justice” accreditation standards were drafted more than a decade ago. Because the language around the topic of access to justice has evolved, the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (ACDI) proposed amendments that update the related rules and regulations with the most currently accepted language. The proposed amendments do not change the number of MCLE hours required per reporting period.

These amendments were approved by the MCLE Committee and the Board of Governors (BOG). The BOG now welcomes member feedback on the language of the proposed amendments outlined below before presenting them to the Supreme Court.

**Rule 1.2**

The proposed amendment to Rule One adds the definition of “access to justice“ to the MCLE Rules. This definition was proposed by ACDI to be consistent with the language in the Diversity Action Plan.

**Rule 3.400**

The proposed amendment to Rule 3.400 adds “low-income and other communities that lack access to or the ability to afford legal services” to the list of possible program topics that can be approved for practical skills credit, thus expanding the types of programs new attorneys can take to meet their practical skills credit requirement in their first reporting cycle.

**Regulation 3.600**

The amendment to Regulations 3.600 was proposed by ACDI to modernize the terminology setting forth the accreditation requirements for introductory access to justice credit, which is a required credit type for new attorneys in their first reporting cycle.

**Rule 5.1(d)**

The amendment to Rule 5.1(d) was proposed by ACDI to modernize the terminology precluding certain attendance restrictions at CLE programs.

**Rule 5.14 (d) and Regulation 5.400**

The amendments to Rule 5.14(d) and Regulation 5.400 were proposed by ACDI to modernize the terminology setting forth the accreditation standards for access to justice credit.