

OREGON STATE BAR

Board of Governors Agenda

Memo Date: December 11, 2024
From: Kellie Baumann, MCLE Program Manager and Regulatory Project Manager
Re: Bar Examiner MCLE Credit – Public Comment

Action Recommended

Submit the proposed changes amending the Bar Rules of Licensure (RL) as noted in Exhibit 1 for public comment.

Background

After discussion at the December 2024 MCLE Committee meeting, the attached language was unanimously approved to propose to the Board as a recommendation.

Discussion

Sarra Yamin, our new OSB Regulatory Counsel, recently inquired about our rule relating to receiving credit for service as a Bar Examiner.

Currently, the rules state that “[c]redit may be claimed for service as a bar examiner for Oregon, provided that the service includes personally writing or grading a question for the Oregon bar exam or paralegal licensing exam during the reporting period.”

With the addition of the new Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (SPPE), the service of a Bar Examiner has expanded. The Board of Bar Examiners is now responsible for reviewing the portfolio of work products from each Provisional Licensee for admission to the Oregon State Bar. The portfolio must consist of at least 8 pieces of written work product following the guidelines set out in the [SPPE Rules](#) to demonstrate that they have the minimum competence to practice law. As this grading process is very similar to the grading process completed for scoring the Bar Exam, the MCLE Committee voted to recommend amending the rule to grant credit for grading a portfolio as well.

We will also be updating the MCLE Regulation tied to this Rule that details the number of credits that can be claimed for service as a Bar Examiner. This language is included below:

Service as a Bar Examiner. Three (3) credits may be claimed for writing a bar exam, LP exam, or local component question, ~~and~~ three (3) credits may be claimed for grading a bar exam or local component question, and three (3) credits may be claimed for grading a SPPE portfolio.

EXHIBIT 1

9.12 Accreditation Standards for Teaching, Writing, and Bar Service (Category II)

(3) Service as a Bar Examiner.

Credit may be claimed for service as a bar examiner for Oregon, provided that the service includes personally writing or grading a question for the Oregon Bar exam, personally writing a question for the~~or~~ paralegal licensing exam, or personally grading a portfolio for the SPPE program during the reporting period.