

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C2-84-2163

ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE
BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

On May 7, 2006 the Minnesota State Bar Association filed a petition requesting amendments to Rules 2 and 6 of the Rules of the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education to include limited continuing legal education credit for pro-bono legal services. We invited written comments and held a hearing on the proposed amendments.

The Court has reviewed the recommendations, comments, and the proposed amendments and is fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached amendments to the Rules of the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education, including Appendix III, Affidavit of Pro Bono Representation, be, and the same are, prescribed and promulgated to be effective July 1, 2008.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments shall apply to pro bono services provided on or after July 1, 2008.

Dated: January 31, 2008

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FILED

BY THE COURT:



Russell A. Anderson
Chief Justice

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

[Note: new material is indicated by underscoring, except Appendix III, which is all new; deleted material is indicated by strikethrough.]

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RULES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Rule 2. Definitions

In these Rules,

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R. “Pro bono legal representation” means providing legal representation to a pro bono client without compensation, expectation of compensation, or other direct or indirect pecuniary gain.

S. “Pro bono client” means an individual, not a corporation or other organizational entity, who has been referred to the lawyer by a legal services provider.

T. “Legal services provider” means (1) a legal services organization funded by the Legal Services Corporation, or (2) the Children’s Law Center of Minnesota.

Rule 6. Special Categories of Credit

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D. Pro Bono Legal Representation. A lawyer may claim one (1) hour of standard CLE credit for every six (6) hours of pro bono legal representation that the lawyer provides to a pro bono client in a legal matter that has been referred to the lawyer by a legal services provider. No more than six (6) hours of credit may be claimed per reporting period by a lawyer for pro bono legal representation. In order to receive CLE credit the lawyer must submit an Affidavit of Pro Bono Representation to the Board (see Appendix III).

Appendix III
MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
180 East 5th Street, Suite 950
St. Paul, MN 55101
AFFIDAVIT OF PRO BONO REPRESENTATION

License Number: _____ Name: _____
CLE Category:¹ 1 2 3 Firm Name: _____
Street Address:² _____
City, State, and Zip: _____
Email:³ _____

Select the referring legal services provider:

- Anishinabe Legal Services Inc.
- Central Minnesota Legal Services Inc.
- Children's Law Center of Minnesota
- Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota
- Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota Corporation
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- Out-of-state organization funded by Legal Services Corporation:

List Org. Name and State: _____

Contact at legal services provider: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Type of Representation Provided: _____

Date range of representation:⁴ _____

Number of hours of pro bono legal representation: _____

Number of CLE credit hours claimed: _____

I affirm that I provided legal representation to a pro bono client referred by a legal services provider.

I swear that the information above is accurate.

Lawyer Signature _____ Date: _____

¹ The CLE reporting category is found on the Attorney License card issued by the Lawyer Registration Office.
² If address listed here is different from the address on file in the CLE office, this document will be accepted as a request for change of address. If you do not want to change your address, please state that on this form.
³ An email confirmation will be sent after credits are approved or denied.
⁴ If representation covers more than one reporting period, please submit a separate Affidavit of Pro Bono Representation for each reporting period.