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From: Ralaina Hunley [mailto:ralaina@hotmail.com]
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Dear Washington Supreme Court,

The proposed amendment of the MCLE rule seems very sensible and reasonable. I welcome the elimination of the live credit requirement.

However, I am unclear how attorneys requesting course approval would be handled in practice. As a member of three bar associations, Washington, Florida and Kentucky, and a current resident of Kentucky, I currently complete my MCLE requirements by taking CLEs in Kentucky through the Kentucky Bar Association and then submit information for approval on the WSBA website. As these courses were designed for Kentucky attorneys, the sponsors will never request preapproval for the courses from the WSBA. Therefore, it would be helpful for the rule to specify whether or not attorneys requesting course approval of courses can request such approval after taking the courses, as is the current method.

I would also like to propose that Washington consider a similar rule to Florida that allows out of state attorneys not currently practicing in the state to keep their active membership status under the classification "out of state member." Under this status, I do not have to submit proof of CLE compliance so long as I do not practice in Florida. It seems like a waste of time for everyone concerned for out of state attorneys who do not currently practice in Washington to submit for out of state course approval, which the WSBA must review to see if it qualified for credit, especially now that Washington CLEs will have to meet additional requirements for content which may be more difficult to show without reviewing the actual written materials. While I am eager to maintain my active status in Washington in the hope that someday I may have the opportunity to return to my home state, it is a yearly headache to take courses in excess of what I require in Kentucky, in the hope that enough of them will be approved so that I may remain current on my MCLE requirements.

Sincerely,
Ralaina Joy Ruvalcaba Hunley