

CLE HOURS

1. Only the time of actual instruction counts toward CLE credit hours.
2. Question and answer sessions are considered actual instruction and may be included for CLE credit *provided* such question and answer sessions do not exceed ten (10) minutes per CLE credit hour. For example, a program approved for six (6) total CLE credit hours may include up to one (1) total hour of a question and answer session.
3. CLE credit is not given for:

Breaks, Business meetings, Introductory remarks, Keynote speeches, Meals, or Speeches in connection with meals.
4. No CLE credit is given for a CLE activity of less than 60 (sixty) minutes in length. A CLE activity means the entire program and not the individual topics. Therefore, a program may include individual topics of less than 60 (sixty) minutes in length.

ETHICS HOURS

Legal ethics refers to the mandatory standards set by the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct. Ethics programming instructs attorneys on requirements of the rules, provides attorneys with resources to avoid violations and helps attorneys understand how the rules protect the public.

TRIAL HOURS

1. Trial practice courses are defined as CLE exclusively limited to one or more of the following five (5) subjects:
 - a. evidence
 - b. civil practice and procedure
 - c. criminal practice and procedure
 - d. ethical conduct of litigation
 - e. trial advocacy
2. Due to the “exclusively limited” requirement, trial CLE must be (a) clearly segregated and identified (b) a minimum of one (1) hour in length, and (c) limited to one or more of the five (5) listed subjects in order to receive trial CLE credit. The “exclusively limited” requirement does not prohibit credit for a seminar that deals with one or more of the subjects stated in the Rule in the context of a particular field of trial practice, such as medical malpractice, personal injury defense, criminal cases, construction law, etc.

PROFESSIONALISM HOURS

The Professionalism CLE Guidelines promulgated by the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism set the standards for professionalism CLE credit approval in Georgia. The Professionalism CLE guidelines can be found at www.cjcpga.org/professionalism-cle-guidelines/.