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**NEW EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR LAWYERS MAY LEAD TO A
SCRAMBLE TO SAVE THEIR LAW LICENSE**

Illinois Lawyers Face New Impending Education Deadline

This year marks the first time that Illinois attorneys are required to participate in continuing legal education as a requirement for maintaining their law license. Illinois has joined over 43 other states that have implemented a continuing legal education ("CLE") requirement for attorneys. The first deadline for approximately half of Illinois' 82,380 attorneys is June 30, 2008.

The failure to obtain CLE credit is severe; removal from the Master Roll of Illinois attorneys. In implementing the new requirement, the Illinois Supreme Court created the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board ("MCLE Board") to oversee and administer the CLE system. The MCLE Board accredits education providers such as ApexCLE.com, reviews program qualifications, notifies attorneys of their obligation and will perform audits to confirm that attorneys have completed their CLE requirement.

Half of Illinois' 82,380 attorneys must complete 20 hours of CLE by June 30, 2008. This includes all attorneys with last names beginning A through M. The second half of the alphabet must complete their requirement by June 30, 2009. The number of hours of required CLE increases in steps up to 30 hours in 2010.

Attorney clients would be wise to check with their lawyers to verify they have met the new Illinois requirement for accredited CLE courses. An attorney that fails to complete the CLE requirement by June 30, 2008 may have their name removed from the Master Roll of Illinois attorneys if they remain out of compliance. Removal for failure to comply with the CLE requirement renders the attorney ineligible to practice law in Illinois. The loss of a license carries with it potential complications with malpractice insurance, court appearances, rendering legal advice and a possible ethical violation if the attorney continues to practice law without a license. The failure to complete the CLE requirement, in and of itself, is not an ethical violation. But, continuing to practice law when ineligible is a violation of Rule 5.5 of the

Rules of Professional Conduct and may subject the attorney to sanctions ranging from a reprimand to disbarment.

The Classroom Goes Virtual

Attorneys have many options for fulfilling the new CLE requirement ranging from the typical classroom to the highest level of internet technology. ApexCLE.com blends state of the art technology, internet video delivery with nationally recognized speakers to deliver the most convenient CLE in the country. David Roe, together with a national publisher, multimedia design company and marketing experts created ApexCLE.com to serve the attorney community and deliver the most convenient, highest quality CLE video available through the internet.

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