

Applying for Continuing Legal Education Credit For Volunteer Hours in a Legal Clinic

Supreme Court Rule 21, section 4.07(c) provides that the [Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization](#) can grant ethics and professionalism credit at the rate of one hour of credit for every five billable hours of pro bono legal representation provided through an organized bar association or legal services organization. Generally a pro bono clinic will fit into this category. You may want to contact your local bar association or legal services organization to see whether they can administer the CLE credit process for you.

If you are not affiliated with a bar association or a legal services organization, you can apply with the Supreme Court to be allowed to provide CLE credit to your volunteer attorneys. You can use the form found [here](#) to apply.

If your organization does not already have an account with the CLE Commission, you will need to contact the CLE Commission and ask to be set up as a CLE sponsor.

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Deadlines and Fees

You must submit your application for credit approval and clinic information to the CLE Commission at least 45 days prior to the date the clinic will be held. After the clinic, you must submit an alphabetized list of the volunteer attorneys, including their BPR numbers, to the CLE Commission within 30 days. Pro bono programs are exempt from paying the fee associated with being a CLE provider when submitting credit for volunteer attorneys' pro bono work.

Please contact the CLE Commission if you have any questions.