[Mandatory Continuing Legal Education | Vermont Judiciary](https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/attorneys/mandatory-continuing-legal-education) (control click)

All licensed attorneys, **including those on Inactive status,** must renew their license to practice law every two years **on or before June 30** or be subject to administrative suspension of their license.

If you are an attorney on active status, you must complete at least 24 hours of accredited continuing legal education during each two-year reporting period.  At least 12 of the 24 hours must be programs delivered either as Moderated Programming or Non-Moderated Programming with Interactivity as a Key Component.  No more than 6 of the 24 hours can be programs delivered as Non-Moderated Programming Without Interactivity.  **As part of the 24 hours, you must earn at least 2 hours in Ethics Programming, 1 hour in Attorney Wellness Programming, and 1 hour in Diversity and Inclusion Programming.**

[First-Year Requirements for Newly Admitted Attorneys | Vermont Judiciary](https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/attorneys/first-year-requirements-newly-admitted-attorneys)

\*\*all newly admitted attorneys (regardless of licensing status) must complete 15 hours of specially approved continuing legal education courses on Vermont practice and procedure. (All DG seminars relating to criminal and/or juvenile practice will qualify).  A minimum of 9 of those 15 CLE hours must be earned by attendance at programs delivered either as Moderated Programming or Non-Moderated Programming with Interactivity as a Key Component, as those terms are defined in the Vermont Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.  **The 15 hours must be completed** no earlier than 1 year before, and **no later than 1 year after, admission to the bar**.  Note that courses taken to satisfy the first-year CLE requirement will count toward the MCLE requirement during your first reporting period.

**Mentorship Requirements**

If you are admitted by examination or transferred UBE score, you must also complete a six-month mentorship with a judge or attorney who practices in Vermont and has been admitted to the Vermont bar for at least three years.  The mentorship must be completed within the first year after admission. For applicants for admission by transferred UBE score, the mentorship can commence no earlier than the date applicants receive notice that they are eligible for admission.

But you’re not done yet!

  As part of the mentorship, you must meet regularly with your supervising judge or attorney no less than 10 times to discuss your practice and issues relevant to Vermont practice and procedure.  You must also engage in at least **40 hours of activities on the Mentorship Program Checklist.**

\*\*\*\*Upon admission to the Bar of the Vermont Supreme Court, applicants admitted by examination or transferred UBE score **have one year to certify completion of the Mentorship requirement set out in Rule 12(A)(2) of the Rules of Admission**. **The requirement includes engaging in at least 40 hours of activities** compiled by the Board of Continuing Legal Education and certified by the Board of Bar Examiners.

The maximum number of hours an attorney may claim for each category:

1. Bar Functions No more than 10 hours
2. Litigation Related Activities No more than 20 hours
3. Transactional Law Related Activities No more than 20 hours
4. Access to Justice No more than 10 hours

CATEGORY 1: ATTENDING BAR FUNCTIONS • No more than 10 hours may count towards the 40-hour requirement.

1. Vermont Bar Association’s Annual Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Vermont Bar Association’s Mid-Winter Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Meeting of a Section of the Vermont Bar Association. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. An Inns of Court Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Any bar-related meeting that focuses on Vermont law or practice and deemed appropriate for a new attorney by your supervising judge or attorney.** This includes **county bar meetings, bench/bar meetings, and** **meetings of attorney-organizations**-

CATEGORY II Litigation 20 hours max see the long lists- should be able to fulfill this 20 hours easily.

Engage in litigation activities in : State Civil, **Family**, **Criminal**, Probate, Administrative Law, or Transactional Federal District Court, the Vermont Supreme Court. Etc.

CATEGORY III – TRANSACTIONAL LAW ACTIVITIES

See lists

CATEGORY IV – ACCESS TO JUSTICE

• No more than 10 hours may count towards the 40-hour minimum.

1. Attend a continuing legal education seminar on access to justice issues. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Accept a low bono or pro bono appointment \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3

3. Volunteer at LawLine of Vermont \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Any other activity related to Access to Justice and deemed appropriate for a new attorney by your supervising judge or attorney.

**And working as public defender doesn’t count…**