

Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

CLE Policies

1. TACDL will not report a CLE seminar participant's CLE hours until that participant has paid in full all outstanding bills owed to TACDL. (10/29/93)
2. Any CLE seminar participant who requests CLE credits to be reported to both the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and the CLE commission in any other state, must reimburse TACDL for the other state's CLE reporting fees. Where such fees are known at the time of registration, such fees shall be included in and paid as part of that participant's registrants fee. (10/29/93)
3. CEL seminar registrants may obtain a partial refund of their registration fees if: (a) they cancel their registration at least (7) seven days in advance of the seminar, or (b) TACDL staff determine that the registrant had a medical emergency which prevented their attendance at the seminar. In these two situations, TACDL will retain \$40.00 as an administrative fee and either refund the remaining amount or apply the remaining amount as a credit against any other TACDL seminar's registration fee within that calendar year, depending on the wishes of the registrant. No other refunds shall be provided. (10/29/93)
4. No members of the Bar whose primary practice is devoted to the prosecution of criminal cases, either on the State or Federal, shall be admitted to attend TACDL CLE seminars on issues concerning the death penalty, tactics, strategies or procedural or substantive law. The Board of Directors may make an exception on a case by case basis, but this shall be subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. (12/3/93)
5. The Association has an ethical obligation to avoid involvement in the reporting of CLE credits not earned by seminar participants. The staff members of this association are not watchdogs or policeman, but if they have knowledge that any seminar participant has claimed CLE credit for sessions he/she did not actually attend, the Association cannot certify these credits without violating the Code of Professional Responsibility. Therefore, if any staff member becomes aware that a seminar participant has claimed CLE credit for sessions he/she attend, the Executive Director will report the matter to the President. The President will contact the participant and inquire whether the participant desires to amend or correct the CLE credit form; the Association will then certify the corrected/amended hours. If the participant does not correct/amend the form, the Association will not certify any credit for the participant at the seminar in question. (8/23/91)

6. One member of TACDL's CLE Committee shall receive the CLE credit free of charge at each seminar. This person presumably will:

- a. be in charge of planning the seminar's topic,
- b. giving a title to the seminar for the brochure,
- c. contacting the speakers
- d. coordinate arrangements with the TACDL office staff, and
- e. moderate the specific seminar (or arrange for someone else). (10/4/96)