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Introductory Video



PMBR Modules

The PMBR four-hour self-assessment course is divided into eight interactive modules aimed at helping lawyers improve how they practice law. Each module is between fifteen to forty-five minutes in length. Lawyers who complete the entire course or any module within the course will receive free Illinois MCLE professional responsibility credit.

For answers to commonly asked questions, please visit our [PMBR FAQs](#) page.

Course Registration Instructions

- The Intersection of Technology & Ethics: Protecting Client Information**
- Conflicts of Interest: Ensuring Undivided Loyalty**
- Fees, Costs & Billing Practices: Getting Paid Ethically**
- Attorney-Client Relationships: Effectively Connect and Communicate with Clients**
- Client Trust Accounts**
- Attorney Wellness**
- Civility & Professionalism**
- Diversity & Inclusion: Culturally-Competent Lawyering**

PMBR: Getting There
Follow These 8 Steps

1. Play the introductory video;
2. Click on a module for additional information;
3. Click **Access this Module**;
4. Click **Add to Basket** in the Products box on the right;
5. Create an account or login to your existing account;
6. Complete the checkout process;
7. Once checked out, click **Continue to My Content**;
8. To launch the module, click **View Now**.

AFTER YOU REGISTER, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION.

ONCE YOU HAVE AN ARDC CLE ACCOUNT, YOU CAN READILY ACCESS ALL EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS, REVIEW YOUR ORDER HISTORY, AND RETRIEVE YOUR COMPLETION CERTIFICATES.

<https://www.iardc.org/pmbr.html>

PMBR SELF-ASSESSMENT COURSE FAQs

Who does the self-assessment course apply to?

Illinois-licensed attorneys that are representing private clients but who do not have malpractice insurance at the time of registering for 2020 must complete a four-hour interactive, online self-assessment course ("course") regarding the operation of their law firm. This requirement must be met in order to register for 2021. ** If you have recently retired from your firm but are still representing at least one private client, then you are subject to this rule. ** If you are a government lawyer, a public defender, a prosecutor or corporate in-house counsel, then you are not subject to this requirement unless you represent at least one private client outside the scope of your primary employment. ** If you are on Retired or Inactive registration status, then you are not subject to this rule.

Does it cost anything to take the course?

No. The CLE accredited course is free.

Do I have to get malpractice insurance?

No. Lawyers that are representing private clients can choose either to take the course or to obtain malpractice insurance.

What if I get malpractice insurance?

If the lawyer obtains malpractice insurance before the 2021 registration deadline, the lawyer will not be required to take the course.

How often do I have to take the course if I don't get malpractice insurance?

Lawyers who do not maintain malpractice insurance must complete the course every two years.

Can any lawyer take the course?

Yes. All lawyers can take the entire course consisting of 8 modules or any of the 8 modules and receive CLE credit.

How long do I have to complete the course?

The course must be completed by the 2021 registration deadline unless the lawyer obtains malpractice insurance by that time.

What will happen if I don't complete the course?

A lawyer who has not completed the course or obtained malpractice insurance will not be allowed to register for 2021 and will be removed from the master roll.

How will I know that I've completed the course?

After completing each of the 8 modules that make up the course, you must complete a short evaluation and submit for credit. Upon doing this for each module, you will be provided with a certificate of completion. Please click [here](#) for instructions on obtaining your certificates of completion. **

Our online registration site will also reflect your overall completed status after a one-business day time lag. ** If you have completed the entire course (all 8 modules) and the registration process, you will become registered and will be sent an automated email confirming your registration; you will also be sent an updated ID card in approximately 2 weeks.

I've taken all 8 modules in the course, why does my registration profile not reflect my completed status?

Course data from our CLE host is downloaded once every business day. This can result in a brief time lag before your registration profile is updated. We apologize for the inconvenience. **You may also need to submit credit for one or more of your modules. Please click [here](#) for instructions on submitting your pending credits.

Can I complete the online registration process without taking the self-assessment course?

Yes, you can complete the online registration process and pay your registration fees without taking the course. However, you will not become registered for 2021 until the course has been completed.

Will I get any CLE credit for taking the course?

Yes. Lawyers who participate in the course will earn up to 4 hours of free MCLE credits.

Are the results of any self-assessment public? Will they be discoverable?

No. All information related to a lawyer's self-assessment is confidential, except for the fact of completion of the self-assessment. The ARDC will not be able to access specific self-assessment results for disciplinary proceedings and such results will not be discoverable.