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MCLE Board launches portal for lawyers to track their credit hours

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The Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board launched a new online portal for attorneys in Illinois to track their CLE credits.

The new service unveiled at mcleboard.org last week comes after three years of development with the Illinois Supreme Court and allows CLE course providers to enter attorneys' attendance records into the system, where lawyers can view them.

"The [c]ourt has been accelerating the adoption of technology to improve the administration of justice, increase efficiency, and reduce costs," Chief Justice Anne M. Burke said in a written statement. The MCLE Board's latest advance continues that progress by improving efficiency and reducing costs for attorneys."

Under the MCLE system implemented in 2006, Illinois is a self-reporting state,

leaving it up to each attorney to track his or her own hours and then report their compliance at the end of each reporting period.

With the new portal, users will have an online space to track those credits. They will still need to manually enter CLE credits earned from nontraditional qualifying methods including teaching or taking law courses and publishing legal books or articles.

Bar associations and course providers started logging records into the database in August 2019.

The portal also includes contact info for course providers, bar groups and the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

The portal is similar to systems used in other states.

"This is a trend across the



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country because time is a precious commodity for attorneys," said MCLE Board Chair Michele M. Jochner, a partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck. "We worked very hard to create a user-friendly system for Illinois attorneys, which we hope will enhance accuracy in credit reporting and ensure ease and convenience."

MCLE'S NEW PORTAL

To check the service for your own course records, you can visit mcleboard.org/files/AttorneyListPage.aspx.