

From: Jim Morrison, Chair, Board of Bar Examiners

Re: Mandatory online CLE reporting

Fellow lawyers:

Those of us who report our continuing legal education this reporting period have received a letter from BBE stating that all reporting must be done using our new online system. That is not a correct statement of the Rule nor is there an Order of the Supreme Court to that effect. Our directive was in error in that respect. I am sorry for that. While many lawyers have used the new system with great results, there have been some problems.

The BBE Board had decided that lawyers may report using **either** the online system or by using the paper form 1 . BBE will not be mailing the forms to lawyers. You can obtain one by calling BBE (608) 266-9760 or downloading it from the BBE [website](#). Unfortunately you will need to add your own carry over credits as they will not be on the form that you download.

We hope that most lawyers will find the online reporting system easy to use and will report that way but there will be no sanction to paper filing this reporting period.

One of the problems that has arisen is that courses are not coming up in the search box. Computers are dumb and don't know that "SPD" is the same as the "Wisconsin State Public Defender" or similar such things. We need a more robust search engine and we are working on that. For now, the best thing to do is to insert a date range and location and all approved courses during that time and place will come up. Then you will be able to select the course you attended.

**Because online electronic signatures have not yet been approved by the Supreme Court, even online filing requires that the completed form be electronic ally submitted and then printed, signed and mailed to BBE. Filing is not complete until the form is mailed.**

We are committed to continuing to improving this system, to expanding online course opportunities and content and to making our regulatory function as efficient and painless for all lawyers as we can while safeguarding the public and the bar. We are sorry for this recent glitch and we sincerely seek your ideas and input on improving this system and anything else that need attention.

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