

Have you heard?

On October 16, 2025, the Arkansas Supreme Court issued a [Per Curiam](#) inviting comment regarding proposed amendments to the rules governing Continuing Legal Education (CLE) as well as the rules governing Arkansas JLAP. The Per Curiam proposes to adopt a one-hour well-being CLE requirement for all Arkansas attorneys.

As noted in the Per Curiam, in 2019, the Court published the *Arkansas Supreme Court Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being Report*, which recommended CLE requirements be amended to include a required one hour well-being course. The Arkansas JLAP Committee unanimously supports the well-being CLE recommendation, and in 2024, the JLAP Committee submitted the proposed rule changes to the Court.

In the spring of 2024, Arkansas JLAP, in conjunction with the UA Little Rock School of Social Work, conducted a survey of Arkansas judges and attorneys collecting 1,547 responses. We found that 19.4% of participating lawyers could be classified as having problematic alcohol use. In addition, 11.5% of participants experience severe depression, 15.6% experience severe anxiety, and 13.9% experience severe stress. The JLAP/UALR study affirms the need for well-being education and assistance among Arkansas attorneys.



How can you support this effort?

The adoption of a 1 hour well-being CLE requirement as proposed in today's Per Curiam would allow JLAP to expand its efforts to educate the bench and bar, reaching more attorneys thus protecting clients, litigants, and the general public from harm caused by impaired lawyers or judges.

You can comment in favor of the proposed rule changes!

The comment period shall end on December 31, 2025.

Comments should be submitted in writing to:

Kyle E. Burton, Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court, Attention:
Amendments to Arkansas Rules for Minimum Continuing Legal
Education and Rules of the Arkansas Judges and Lawyers
Assistance Program, Justice Building,
625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, or by email:
rulescomments@arcourts.gov.

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