



Dear Supporter,

The ice on the streets has melted, the sun is peeking shyly through the clouds, and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education is once again approaching the anniversary of its founding – May 6th, 2024, the day that, nearly 55 years ago, our organization formed to “Keep Raising the Bar” by providing Continuing Legal Education (CLE) to legal practitioners throughout New England. Every year on Founder’s Day, MCLE is inspired by the reinvigorating spring air around us to consider what we as an organization have accomplished so far and what new and exciting opportunities lay ahead.

MCLE was founded when the proliferation of new laws and reforms, including employment discrimination laws, civil rights, environmental protections, and divorce reform, were expanding, democratizing, and complicating the law. As social structures wove and unwove themselves during the exciting years of the 1960s and 70s, a group of Massachusetts lawyers decided to revolutionize how the practice of law is taught. Fierce in their belief that the education of lawyers is crucial to the betterment of society, they established an organization that would dedicate itself to improving the administration of justice throughout the region.

MCLE has long understood the importance of making CLE accessible and affordable for all lawyers, and especially for those new to the profession and those who serve in the public interest. As far back as 1966, when MCLE was still just an idea waiting to be made a reality, the organization’s founders would note in a meeting report that “the success of our endeavors should not be measured in the status of our checkbook at one particular time, but rather whether we are responsive to the needs of the general practitioner in providing practical courses on a regular basis to enable him to better serve his clients” - a sentiment that would eventually develop into a flourishing scholarship program serving over 1,000 attorneys annually. As of 2024, MCLE’s scholarship program provides affordable and accessible continuing legal education to 18 legal services organizations, 13 pro-bono organizations, all new Massachusetts lawyers, and nearly 100 individual needs-based scholarship recipients yearly.

As the MCLE directors of the past, present, and future, we are reaching out to you to consider making a contribution to MCLE’s Scholarship Endowment. Your support is a testament to the enduring principles of MCLE that continue to guide our work and expansion. Without the generosity of donors like you, our scholarship program would not be able to extend its reach as far as it does.

Your gift to the scholarship initiative will play a significant role in enabling future generations of legal professionals to access continuing legal education. Print out a [pledge form](#) or donate online at the link below. We deeply appreciate your anticipated support.

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Sincerely,

The signature of Mark S. Rotondo, Esq., in black ink.

Mark S. Rotondo, Esq.,  
MCLE Executive Director

The signature of Richard S. Milstein, Esq., in black ink.

Richard S. Milstein, Esq.,  
MCLE Founding Director

The signature of John M. (Jack) Reilly, Esq., in black ink.

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MCLE Director Emeritus

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