

## **How to Request CLE Credit for Clinic Pro Bono Work**

**Background:** Colorado attorneys may earn CLE credit by providing uncompensated pro bono legal representation to indigent or near-indigent persons in matters assigned by a bar association-sponsored program. C.R.C.P. 250.9. Such credit will be available for representation provided to some, but not all, of the clients at the Civil Appeals Clinic.

### **Further Details:**

- One CLE credit hour is available for every five billable-equivalent hours of eligible pro bono representation.
- Up to nine such CLE credit hours can be earned during each three-year CLE compliance period.
- CLE credit is available only if, prior to assigning the matter, the assigning program determines that the client is “financially eligible for pro bono legal representation” because “(a) the client qualifies for participation in programs funded by the Legal Services Corporation, or (b) the client’s income and financial resources are slightly above the guidelines utilized by such programs, but the client nevertheless cannot afford counsel.”

### **Obtaining CLE Credit:**

- Step 1: At least one week prior to your scheduled Civil Appeals Clinic volunteer date, contact Joaquin Tellechea, [jtellechea@cobar.org](mailto:jtellechea@cobar.org), and ask to be assigned to a client who is “financially eligible for pro bono legal representation.”
- Step 2: After representing the client at the Civil Appeals Clinic, complete Part I of the “Application for CLE Credit for Representation or Mentoring Pro Bono Legal Matters,” which is available at: <https://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/pdf/CLE/Form8.pdf>
- Step 3: Submit the partially completed Application to Joaquin Tellechea, [jtellechea@cobar.org](mailto:jtellechea@cobar.org). The Colorado Bar Association will complete Part II and submit the Application to the Office of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education.