

2024 CLE Institute Annual Report

The CLE Institute sponsored or co-sponsored the continuing legal education seminars as described in the attached list.

The CLE Institute Budget numbers are as follows:

	Budget Revenue	Actual Revenue
FYE 2023	60,000	93,340
FYE 2024	69,380	201,436
FYE 2025 (partial year revenue)	101,525	76,434

The CLE Institute continues to work to maximize revenue over the expenses associated with providing CLE by utilizing various methods, including offering in-person CLE seminars via electronic participation. The CLE Institute continues to emphasize the availability of these hybrid CLEs, to offer seminars at reasonable costs to as wide an audience as possible. We offered in hybrid format the Real Estate CLE at Fairmont, the St. Patrick's Day CLE in Butte and the Bucking Horse CLE in Miles City. The State Bar and UM Law school also held again the International CLE in Cork, Ireland. After a brief hiatus in 2023, the CLE & Ski seminar was held in 2024 and reached in-person capacity. The Bench-Bar continued to its good attendance with 270 participants.

The CLE Institute also sponsored or co-sponsored webinars, which continue to be a popular option for obtaining credits. All webinars are recorded then promoted and sold on the State Bar website for self-study CLE credit. Webinars are cost effective to organize, promote, and deliver and are especially practical. We plan to continue to use webinar offerings to our members each year.

The Institute strives to provide quality CLE seminars at reasonable prices to most benefit a large cross-section of the State Bar membership. The CLE Institute will implement a modest fee increase, while providing a free PFI (formerly ethics) credit. Benefits of being a member of the Institute include the opportunity to shape continuing legal education in Montana, networking with other Montana attorneys, and earning free CLE credits for moderating seminars. The CLE Institute greatly benefits from the State Bar staff member's professional assistance.