

NJC Courses

Conducting the Trial (JS 632)

Why should I take this course?

This program is designed for general jurisdiction and special court judges who would like a refresher course. This course is the best entry-level course concerning the management of cases. It will provide the participant with tools to take a proactive role in handling trials, including self-represented litigants, pretrial motions and pleadings, discovery, pretrial conferences, settlement conferences, jury orientation and management, voir dire, witnesses, other evidentiary matters, general conduct of trials, taking of the jury verdict, entry of judgment, and the disposition of post-trial motions.

What will I learn?

After this course, participants will be able to:

- Summarize the tenets of differentiated case management and apply them to ensure that you can provide credible trial dates to litigants;
- Manage pretrial issues, including discovery and motions, and preside over pretrial conferences;
- Apply early settlement techniques and styles to individual cases;
- Resolve unexpected issues that may arise during jury trials;
- Manage opening and closing arguments and control the introduction of evidence;
- Effectively manage self-representers in the courtroom; and
- Discuss and implement viable court security options.

Who should attend?

This is an entry-level course for general jurisdiction judges and legally-trained special court judges who would like to learn more about managing their courtrooms with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Who are the members of the faculty?

One faculty member is a retired assignment judge, who has a national reputation as a dynamic and interactive teacher and is an expert in judicial settlement, differentiated case management and in the use of summary jury trials. Additional faculty are highly experienced trial judges.

How is this course taught?

The course is a mix of classroom presentation, interactive dialogue, workshops, and small-group discussions. Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their particular trial problems for discussion with the faculty and with colleagues from other states.

Does this course qualify for credits in the Judicial Studies degree program?

This course qualifies for two credits in the Judicial Studies degree program upon successful completion of the course and the course exam. In addition, this course qualifies for the Certificate in Judicial Development, Dispute Resolution Skills, General Jurisdiction Trial Skills, Special Court Trial Skills and Tribal Judicial Skills programs.



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What should I tell my presiding judge or funding agency so that my attendance will be approved?

This course provides judges with a rare opportunity to share trial management techniques with faculty and colleagues from around the country. Ideas generated at this course will help them to adjudicate cases more efficiently and fairly.

Whom should I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact the registrar's office at (800) 255-8343 or registrar@judges.org.



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