

# NJC Courses

## Decision Making (JS 618)

### Why should I take this course?

This course is designed to familiarize judges with the factors affecting the decision-making process and to assist them in the analysis of their own thinking and styles. The diverse faculty will strive to meet the particular concerns of the participants, regardless of the kind of court or administrative agency in which they preside. With the use of actual decision-making dilemmas, as well as participants' own decision-making problems, the faculty will provide an individualized educational experience.

### What will I learn?

After this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify their own decision-making styles;
- Analyze conflicts of interest and ethical dilemmas;
- Explore issues of fairness and equity;
- Write and communicate decisions more clearly;
- Examine the use of judicial discretion; and
- Recognize the factors that can cause an appellate court to overturn a decision.

### Who should attend?

Any judge or adjudicator will find this course helpful.

### Who are the members of the faculty?

Faculty members include a judge, an appellate judge, and administrative law judge and an expert in determining and analyzing thinking styles.

### How is this course taught?

This course is taught through a variety of techniques utilizing interactive lecture, hypothetical case study, and class discussion facilitated by a diverse faculty. Class members will have the opportunity to take a test instrument to assist them in exploring their own decision-making styles. An expert in the instrument will be available to discuss the individual styles and the stress of decision-making.

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

This course qualifies for 2 credits in the Judicial Studies degree program upon the successful completion of the course and the course exam. In addition, this course qualifies for the Certificate in Judicial Development, Administrative Law Adjudication Skills, Dispute Resolution Skills, General Jurisdiction Trial Skills, Special Court Trial Skills and Tribal Judicial Skills programs.

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

By improving their decision-making skills, judges will enhance the efficiency and efficacy of their courts and improve their productivity and proficiency. They will also be able to share many of the concepts and techniques they learned with their colleagues.

### Whom should I contact for more information?

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



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