

NJC Courses

Impaired Driving Case Essentials

Why should I take this course?

DUI cases are often quite complex. Judges need to know about the intricacies of searches, seizures, arrests, and a myriad of other criminal procedure issues. Further, judges need to be able to rule upon issues with regard to breathalyzers, blood/alcohol testing, field sobriety tests, and have an understanding of the pharmacological effects of alcohol and drugs. This program provides judges with state-of-the-art information on these subjects and many others.

What will I learn?

After this course, participants will be able to:

- Summarize and apply the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments regarding search, seizure and arrest issues and guilty pleas;
- Understand the nature of DWI courts and what funding may be available for their application;
- Summarize the principles and applications of pharmacology as they relate to intoxicated drivers;
- Evaluate the results of field sobriety tests and motions to exclude them;
- Summarize current research on treatments of addictive behavior; and
- Describe innovative DUI sentencing practices.

Who should attend?

This course has been specifically designed for judges who handle impaired driving cases.

Who are the members of the faculty?

Judges, professors, doctors and educators who are recognized as experts in the field of impaired driving cases are members of the faculty.

How is this course taught?

The faculty uses a number of adult education techniques including lecture, audio-visual aids, question and answer, class problems and simulations.

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

This course does not qualify for credits in the Judicial Studies degree program. However, it does qualify for the Certificate in Judicial Development, Administrative Law Adjudication 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?

Judges must have a good understanding of impaired driving cases, which can be among the most complicated cases that judges will face. Because these cases are often appealed, it is important for judges to have an in-depth understanding of the legal as well as scientific issues that they will confront in these cases.

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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