

# NJC Courses

## Current Issues in the Law

### Why should I take this course?

After attending this course, participants will be able to meaningfully discuss the current issues affecting the law today. The course's topics address currently developing legal principles. Past topics include the Patriot Act, the impact of the *White* case, identifying cases that are best suited for summary jury trials, and the impact of *Crawford v. Washington*. Upcoming topics include electronic issues, ethics and recent United States Supreme Court Decisions.

### What will I learn?

After this course, participants will be able to:

- Rule on gatekeeping issues and expert witness testimony;
- Describe technology issues and the role technology plays in evidentiary matters and in the courtroom;
- Analyze and rule on discovery matters, including computer discovery; and
- Recognize ethical issues that arise in the handling of these areas of the law.

### Who should attend?

Any judge will find this course helpful.

### Who are the members of the faculty?

Faculty for this course includes judges and knowledgeable professionals.

### How is this course taught?

The faculty uses a number of adult education techniques including lecture, discussion, question and answer, and hypothetical problems. Participants are encouraged to discuss their difficult cases with the faculty and other participants.

### 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. It does, however, qualify for the Certificate in Judicial Development, 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?

The American legal system and the cases that come before judges are evolving daily. Judges must fully grasp the strides made in evidentiary issues and the legal ramifications of these difficult decisions. Judges need to be armed with the most current information in the areas of technology and science and the latest ideas on courtroom management.

### Whom should I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact the registrar's office at (662) 915-1227 or [registrar@judges.org](mailto:registrar@judges.org).



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