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# Advanced Bench Skills: Procedural Fairness

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Savannah, Georgia

Tuition: \$1,299  
Conf. fee: \$399

**Every time a judge takes the bench, they possess the power to either reinforce or erode public confidence in the justice system.**

As a judge, you have the responsibility to ensure that the four key principles of procedural fairness (voice, respect, neutrality, and trust) are exhibited in your courtroom. With busy dockets and an increase in self-represented litigants, how can you be both efficient and effective in demonstrating these tenets? During this program, you will receive immediate, actionable strategies for integrating the core principles of procedural fairness into your daily courtroom routine. This is not just a course on what procedural fairness is, but a practical guide on how to deliver it, making every participant leave your courtroom with a deeper respect for the judicial process.

**" I truly enjoyed the course. The attendees were interested, the presenters were impactful and interacted with the attendees in each session and I will remember the lessons learned because of the engaging manner in which they were presented. "**

— 2024 participant

**" This course allows you the opportunity to self-reflect guided by useful information and expert insights that give you additional tools to become a better, more mindful judge. "**

— 2024 participant

## More info:

[judges.org/courses/advanced-bench-skills-procedural-fairness/](https://judges.org/courses/advanced-bench-skills-procedural-fairness/)

### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the development and current research on courtroom procedural fairness.
- Recognize common implicit bias issues both as they may arise in your courtroom, as well as in your own perceptions.
- Utilize different techniques in handling various dockets and litigants.
- Identify elements of positive procedural fairness changes you can immediately make in your courtroom.

Established in 1963, the NJC is a nonprofit organization and the only educational institution in the U.S. that teaches judges of all types from across the 50 states, Indian Country and abroad.

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