

Decision Making is one of the NJC's bedrock courses, taken by generations of judges from across the country.

More info:

judges.org/courses/ decision-making-js-618-2/

This course takes a deep dive into techniques and heuristics of decision-making. Faculty experts will conduct interactive sessions with course participants on a variety of often recurring, real-life situations. Topics include:

- · Completing the Record
 - Judicial notice
 - "Official notice" (in administrative cases)
 - When is it appropriate to supplement a record with "new evidence"?
- Independent factual investigations
- Conflicts of interest
- The appropriate exercise of judicial discretion
- Lessons from Neuroscience and Psychology
- Myers-Briggs for Judges

- Emotional Decision Making and Regulating Emotions
- "Bulletproof" Orders
- Ethical Dilemmas in Decision-Making
- · Pitfalls of Judicial Use of AI
- Dealing with Self-Represented Litigants
- Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Lawyers
- Coping with External Influences on Decision-Making

What is included in the fees?

Tuition includes all in-person materials and access to digital materials. The conference fee provides for all breakfasts and lunches.

"This was my first NJC Course and I was not disappointed in any way. The instructors were intelligent, seasoned and engaging. While I may meet with more judges at my state conference, the NJC course gave me the opportunity to interact with judges from all over the United States and US Territories who are in a variety of different roles and judgeships. I don't think I have been in a classroom and interacted with that many smart and intelligent judges in my life! It was an intellectually stimulating four days! "

— 2024 participant