



NJC President Benes Aldana with Judicial Academy alumna Jaime Hawk at her investiture as a judge of the King County (WA) Superior Court

## Judicial Academy: A Course for Aspiring Judges

**APPLY NOW:** Twenty alumni of the first three Judicial Academy classes have already been appointed or elected to the bench in 10 states.

The National Judicial College invites lawyers who are interested in becoming judges to apply for the next Judicial Academy at the NJC headquarters on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.

During this weeklong course, you'll learn if a career on the bench is right for you and how to pursue a judgeship. You will also learn about the pressures judges face that differ from your current role and how those pressures can impact your families and lives.

You'll receive a behind-the-scenes look at what judges do that most lawyers are not aware of and discover resources in all areas of the law that will help you master your work. Instructors include veteran judges, professionals in charge of judicial selection, and election campaign experts.

A goal of the Academy is to increase diversity in the judiciary, so applicants from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

**Deadline to apply: September 30, 2023.** Scholarships may be available.

**October 16-20, 2023**  
**Reno, NV**

**Tuition: \$1,460**  
**Conference Fee: \$419**  
(includes breakfast & lunch)

**To apply:** [judges.org/ja-2023](https://judges.org/ja-2023)



"I absolutely loved the Judicial Academy, and I highly recommend that anyone aspiring to a judicial career invest in this course."

Presiding Judge Lorrie Sinclair Taylor  
20th Judicial District Court Loudoun County (VA)  
First African-American judge in the history of Loudoun County



Judicial Academy alumni who have made it to the bench (from left): King County (WA) District Court Judge E. Rania Rampersad; St. Tammany & Washington Parishes (LA) Family Court Judge Patrice Oppenheim; California Fourth District Court of Appeal Associate Justice Jose S. Castillo; and Prince William County (VA) Special Justice for Juvenile Mental Health Cases Kiah D. Spinks

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