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MANDATORY CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Preamble. [Unchanged.]

**(a) Minimum Requirement**. Each judicial officer shall complete a minimum of 45 credit hours of continuing judicial education approved by the Board for Judicial Administration's Court Education Committee (CEC) every three years, commencing January 1 of the calendar year following the adoption of this rule. If a judicial officer completes more than 45 such credit hours in a three-year reporting period, up to 15 hours of the excess credit may be carried forward and applied to the judicial officer's education requirement for the following three-year reporting period. At least six credit hours for each three-year reporting period shall be earned by completing programs in judicial ethics approved by the CEC. At least four and one half credit hours for each three-year reporting period shall be earned by completing programs in diversity, equity, and inclusion issues, as approved by the CEC. The fifteen credit hours that may be carried forward may include two credit hours toward the judicial ethics requirement and one and one half credit hours toward the diversity, equity, and inclusion requirement.

**(b) Judicial College Attendance**.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) A judicial officer who attended the Washington Judicial College during ~~his or her~~ their term of office in a court of limited jurisdiction shall attend and complete the Washington Judicial College within twelve (12) months of any subsequent appointment or election to the Superior Court. A judicial officer who attended the Washington Judicial College during ~~his or her~~ their term of office in the Superior Court shall attend and complete the Washington Judicial College within twelve (12) months of any subsequent appointment or election as a judicial officer in a court of limited jurisdiction. A judicial officer who attended the Washington Judicial College during ~~his or her~~ their term of office in a superior court or court of limited jurisdiction and is subsequently appointed or elected to an appellate court position is not required to attend the Washington Judicial College.

(3) [Unchanged.]

(c) [Unchanged.]

**WASHINGTON STATE JUDICIAL EDUCATION**

**MANDATORY CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION STANDARDS**

**Section I: Organization and Administration**

**1.-4.** [Unchanged.]

1. **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)**

(a) *~~Administrative Office the Courts.~~* Under the direction of the Supreme Court and CEC, the AOC shall develop guidelines for the implementation of the standards, and shall develop, administer, and coordinate judicial education programs throughout the state. The AOC will also track and monitor attendance at continuing judicial education programs accredited by the CEC.

(b) *~~Office of Trial Court Services and Judicial Education~~*~~.~~The ~~Judicial~~ ~~Education Unit of~~ AOC shall work with the CEC educational committees of the judicial associations and other ad hoc groups to prepare and implement judicial education programs. The ~~unit~~ AOC shall coordinate all CEC judicial education programs, provide staff for the CEC, and evaluate educational programs. Further, the ~~Judicial Education Unit~~ AOC staff shall provide support and assistance to judicial advisory committees in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of education programs consistent with established standards and requirements for judicial education.

The AOC shall maintain the official transcript for each judicial officer based on: (1) attendance records at all CEC accredited education programs; (2) the attendance records of accredited sponsors based on their submissions; and (3) the individual education reports. Based on that official record, the AOC will report annually to the Supreme Court.

**Section II: General Standards for Continuing Judicial Education**

**1. Credit for Continuing Judicial Education (CJE)**

During ~~his or her~~ their three (3)-year reporting cycle, each judicial officer must complete forty-five (45) hours of CJE credits, six (6) of which are in the area of judicial ethics, and four and one half (4.5) of which are in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). This requirement may be met either by attending approved courses or completing other continuing judicial or legal education activity approved for credit by the CEC, as described below.

(a) At least thirty (30) hours, of which at least four (4) hours are in the area of judicial ethics and three (3) hours are in the area of DEI must be completed by attending accredited courses. “Attending” is defined as (1) presenting for, or being present in the audience at, an accredited CJE course when and where the course is being presented; (2) presenting for, or participating through an electronic medium in, an accredited CJE course at the time the course is being presented; or (3) participating through an electronic medium in an accredited CJE course that has been pre-recorded, but for which faculty are available to answer questions while the course is being presented.

(b) Up to fifteen (15) hours, of which up to two (2) hours are in the area of judicial ethics and two (2) hours are in the area of DEI, may be completed through self-study by listening to, or watching, pre-recorded accredited CJE courses. Judicial officers completing credits by self-study must report them to the AOC.

(c) Up to fifteen (15) hours, of which up to two (2) hours are in the area of judicial ethics, and two (2) hours are in the area of DEI, may be completed through teaching at accredited CJE courses and/or publishing legal writing. A judicial officer may complete up to three (3) hours of teaching credits for each hour of presentation. Credits for publishing legal writing must be approved by the CEC. Judicial officers completing credits by teaching or writing must report them to the AOC.

(d)-(e) [Unchanged.]

(f) A judicial officer may complete credits through other courses that directly aid the judicial officer in performing ~~his or her~~ their specific judicial duties and are approved by the CEC.

**2. Carry-Over**

If a judicial officer completes more than forty-five (45) such credit hours in a three (3)-year reporting period, up to fifteen (15) hours of excess credits may be carried forward and applied to the judicial officer’s education requirement for the following three (3)-year reporting period. The fifteen (15) credit hours that may be carried forward may include two (2) credit hours toward the ethics requirement and one and one half (1.5) credits of DEI.

**3.-4.** [Unchanged.]

**Section III: Program Accreditation**

**1. Washington State Judicial Branch Sponsors**

Attendance at any education program sponsored by the following shall be presumed to meet standards and be accredited:

(a)-(f) [Unchanged.]

(g) ~~Minority and Justice Commission,~~ Washington State Supreme Court Commissions.

(h) ~~Commission on Gender and Justice~~

**2. Other Judicial Education Sponsors**

Attendance at any education program sponsored by the following shall be presumed to meet standards and be accredited:

(a)-(j) [Unchanged.]

(k) Hispanic National Bar Association.

(*l*) National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations

(m) North American South Asian Bar Association

(n) National Lesbian and Gay Lawyer Association

(o) National Association of Women Lawyers

(p) National Native American Bar Association

(q) Tribal Courts in Washington State and nationally

**3.-4.** [Unchanged.]

**5. Programs That Do Not Qualify**

The followingactivities will not qualify for CJE credit:

(a) Continuing Professional Education courses that do **not** relate to substantive legal topics, DEI, or ethics, statutory, constitutional or procedural issues that come before the judicial officer when performing ~~his or her~~ their specific judicial duties.

(b)-(e) [Unchanged.]

**6.** [Unchanged.]

**Section IV-VI** [Unchanged.]