

2004 Membership:

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Legal Authorization:

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 12
42 Pa. C.S., § 31
42 Pa. C.S., § 2131
42 Pa. C.S., § 3118

About the Board:

Article V, §12 of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that district justices and judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court either be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or, before taking office, complete a course and pass an examination in the duties of their respective offices. It is the responsibility of the Minor Judiciary Education Board (MJEB) to instruct and certify individuals wishing to become district justices, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges or Philadelphia Bail Commissioners. The board approves the curriculum, appoints and evaluates instructors, establishes course content, reviews all tests, and issues certificates to successful program participants.

In addition, the board conducts one-week continuing education classes for district justices, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges, Philadelphia Bail Commissioners and for those individuals who wish to maintain a current certification in one or more of these areas. It also conducts a one-week practicum, or orientation course, for newly elected or appointed district justices.

The board has seven members, who are appointed by the governor with a two-thirds approval by the Senate.

Minor

Judiciary

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2004 Curriculum

- criminal law
- Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System
- search and seizure

Four-Week District Justice Certifying Course

- criminal law and procedure
- civil law and procedure
- Rules of Evidence
- judicial ethics
- motor vehicle law
- arrest/search and seizure
- Pennsylvania Drug/Device and Cosmetics Act
- Pennsylvania crimes code

Orientation Course for New District Justices

- District Justice System panel
- District Justice Practices
- office administration
- human behavior
- mental illness awareness
- sexual violence
- domestic violence

Continuing Education for District Justices

Class requirements are 32 hours per year and were offered over 17 scheduled weeks.

- review and update of civil and criminal procedure
- Motor Vehicle Code
- sexual assault
- bankruptcy
- ethics
- Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System
- computer crimes

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- court procedures
- Philadelphia Traffic Court Administration
- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code review and update
- Mental Illness & the Criminal Justice System
- Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System

Statistics

Minor Judiciary Education Board statistics for 2004 can be found in the chart at the bottom of this page. AOPC

Philadelphia Bail Commissioners

- sexual assault
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Training Institute

2004 Educational Statistics	
Continuing education to district justices & senior district justices	598
Continuing legal education to attorney district justices	127
District justice recertification	106
Certification classes to prospective district justices (32 of whom were certified)	69
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners	2
Certification of prospective Traffic Court judges	0

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