

2007 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 magisterial district judges 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 magisterial district judges, 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 magisterial district judges, 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 magisterial district judges.

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

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2007 Curriculum

Four-Week Magisterial District Judge 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

Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges

Class requirements are 32 hours per year and were offered over 13 scheduled weeks.

- review and update of civil and criminal procedure
- motor vehicle code
- legal research techniques
- Internet crime/sexual assault case law
- game law update
- dog law update
- Rules of Evidence
- oversize/overweight vehicles and special hauling permits
- ethics
- ethical implications of personal health
- procedural audits
- public access and right to know
- Board of Pardons overview
- drug recognition evaluation program

Philadelphia Bail Commissioners

- district attorney's office update
- Rules of Evidence
- oversize/overweight vehicles and special hauling permits

- ethics
- ethical implications of personal health
- procedural audits
- search and seizure
- public defender's office update
- criminal law update
- drug recognition evaluation program
- Board of Pardons overview
- public access and right to know

Orientation Course for New Magisterial District Judges

- office administration
- audits and reports
- magisterial district judge practices
- AOPC Real Life Safety
- self-represented litigants
- mental health issues
- Protection from Abuse Law update
- magisterial district judge and court administration panel session
- minor court rules update

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- criminal law and procedures update
- Rules of Evidence
- oversize/overweight vehicles and special hauling permits
- ethics
- ethical implications of personal health
- understanding, valuing and managing diversity
- vehicle code update
- Philadelphia Traffic Court administration
- Board of Pardons overview
- public access and right to know

Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2007 can be found in the chart on page 89.

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2007 Educational Statistics	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	615
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	139
Magisterial district judge recertification	19
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	109
Total certified	45
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners	0
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges	4
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court hearing officer	0

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