

2006 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 Committee

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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2006 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
- commercial vehicle safety regulations
- stress management
- Judicial Conduct Board
- minor court rules update
- protection from abuse
- safety in the court
- pension planning
- PennDOT forms—driver records
- booking center procedures
- JNET overview
- public access
- underage drinking and drug abuse
- consumer protection—ID theft

Philadelphia Bail Commissioners

- sexual assault
- bail procedures

- criminal law
- criminal rules and procedures
- search and seizure
- ethics
- protection from abuse
- Behind the Scenes of “To Catch a Predator”
- underage drinking and drug abuse
- mental health
- identity theft

Orientation Course for New Magisterial District Judges

- office administration
- auditor general and county controller audits
- magisterial district judge practices and procedures
- ethics
- PA Coalition Against Rape
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- search and seizure
- MDJS financial reports

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- court procedures
- Philadelphia Traffic Court administration
- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code review and update
- commercial vehicle safety regulations
- highway safety outreach
- impoundment issues
- hearing officers

Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2006 can be found in the chart on page 83.

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2006 Educational Statistics	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	598
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	135
Magisterial district judge recertification	47
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	85
Total certified	30
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners	1
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges	1
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court hearing officer	1

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