

2003 Membership:

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Staff:

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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.

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2003 Curriculum

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

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
- civil update
- evidence
- Mental Illness & the Criminal Justice System
- Mental Health Issues For DJs

Philadelphia Bail Commissioners

- sexual assault
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Training Institute
- mental health issues

- criminal law
- Ethics, Drug Device & Cosmetic Act

Orientation Course for New District Justices

- District Justice System panel
- District Justice Practices
- office administration
- human behavior

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- court procedures
- Philadelphia Traffic Court Administration
- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code review and update
- Mental Illness & The Criminal Justice System
- ethics

Statistics

The Minor Judiciary Education Board provided continuing education to 634 district justices and senior district justices, continuing legal education credits to 129 attorney district justices; district justice recertification to 84 individuals; certification classes to 36 prospective district justices and an additional 34 students who were not certified. The board also certified two prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners and one prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judge.

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