

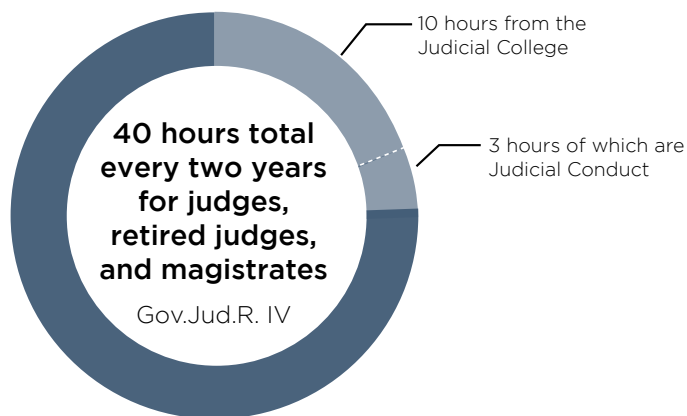
Education for Judicial Officers

Judges, Magistrates, & Retired Judges

Newly elected and appointed judges must complete a four-part Judicial Orientation Program including pre- and post-bench education, mentoring, and a capital cases seminar for specified judges. Sup.R. 49 requires commercial docket judges to complete specialized education.

New magistrates must complete a mandatory Magistrate Orientation Program. “Part I” of this program is a three-day course offered twice per year (Spring or Fall). “Part II” is the Mentor Program whereby a new magistrate is matched with an experienced magistrate mentor for a period of one year.

Every two years, each full-time judge, part-time judge, magistrate, and retired judge eligible for assignment shall complete at least 40 hours of continuing legal education. As part of the 40 hours, 10 hours must be offered by the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College.



Judicial Candidates

Rule 4.2(A)(4) of the Code of Judicial Conduct requires all judicial candidates, including incumbent judges, to attend a campaign practices seminar.

Acting Judges

Acting judges, as attorneys, are required to complete 24 hours of continuing legal education biennially under Gov.Bar R. X(3).

Gov.Jud.R. IV(5) requires acting judges to complete 10 hours of continuing education from the Judicial College as part of the 24 hours total.

Self-Study Courses & Webinars

Up to 20 hours of “self-study credit” is allowed during a biennial compliance period, pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV(7)(E).

The Judicial College offers numerous online self-study courses and webinars that offer general and judicial conduct hours.

Individuals may take online self-study courses at any time from their own computer. Webinars allow individuals to participate in live courses at a scheduled time from their own computer.

For updates and to register for Judicial College courses, visit OhioCourtEDU at sco.csod.com. For courses at association events, separate announcements and registration are sent.

