

CONTINUING LEGAL AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES

Former Rule		Current Rule	
<i>Who Must Comply</i>			
Full-time judges, part-time judges, and retired judges eligible for assignment to active duty pursuant to Section 6(C), Article IV of the Ohio Constitution.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(A)	<p>Full-time judges, part-time judges, and retired judges. As used in Gov. Jud. R. IV,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “judge” means an individual who currently holds judicial office by reason of election or gubernatorial appointment; • “retired judge” means an individual who has left judicial office either voluntarily by reason of resignation or retirement or involuntarily by reason of Article IV, Section 6(C) of the Ohio Constitution, is eligible for assignment to active duty pursuant to that section, and has been approved for assignment to active duty pursuant to the Guidelines for Assignment of Judges issued by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. 	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2
<i>Hour Requirement</i>			
Forty hours of continuing legal education, including ten hours of Judicial College instruction every two years.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(A)	No Change.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(A)
<i>Judicial College Requirement</i>			
Ten of the forty hours must be earned through courses offered by the Judicial College.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(B)	No Change.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(B)
Two of the ten Judicial College hours must include instruction on “Access to Justice and Fairness in the Courts.”	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(B)	Judges are no longer required to earn two hours of instruction on “Access to Justice and Fairness in the Courts.” However, as part of their ten hours of instruction earned through the Judicial College, judges must earn three hours of instruction on “judicial conduct” that the Judicial College will provide from a menu of items that include access to justice and fairness in the courts under the former version of this rule.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(C)
<i>Judicial Ethics and Professionalism</i>			

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Judges must earn two hours of instruction on judicial ethics and professionalism.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(C)	Judges are no longer required to earn separate credit on “judicial ethics and professionalism,” but are required to earn as part of their ten Judicial College hours, three hours of instruction on “judicial conduct” that the Judicial College will provide from a menu of items that include judicial ethics and professionalism under the former version of this rule. One significant change is that under the amended rule, “judicial conduct” credit may only be obtained from the Judicial College.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(C)
<i>Deadline to Complete Hours</i>			
Dec. 31 of every odd-numbered year for judges with last names beginning with the letters A through L. Dec. 31 of every even-numbered year for judges with last names beginning with the letters M through Z.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(A)	No Change.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 4
<i>Deadline for Filing Final Reporting Transcript</i>			
Jan. 31 of every even-numbered year for judges with last names beginning with the letters A through L. Jan. 31 of every odd-numbered year for judges with last names beginning with the letters M through Z.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 3(A)	Judges will no longer be required to file a final reporting transcript.	
<i>Carry Over of Credit to the Next Biennial Period</i>			
Judge may carry over up to twenty hours of credit to the next biennial period if the judge timely completes and reports more than the required number of hours for a biennial period.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 2(D)	Judge may carry over up to twenty hours of general credit to the next biennial period if the judge timely completes more than the required number of hours for a biennial period.	Gov. Jud. R. IV, Sec. 7