

## **§ 1-503. Required continuing judicial branch education.**

(A) Subject to § 1-503(C) and (D), all judges of the State of Nebraska, including judges of the Workers' Compensation Court, shall earn a minimum of 10 judicial branch education credits in each annual reporting period. Judges' education must include five hours of education each year in a live setting, with faculty in the room, as long as Judicial Branch Education resources are sufficient to provide live educational programming. The balance of the annual hours may be obtained through qualifying distance learning. Clerk magistrates, probation officers, and official court reporters shall earn a minimum of eight judicial branch education credits in each annual reporting period. All other judicial branch employees shall attend judicial branch education programs as directed by the Supreme Court or the Committee. The Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation may require employees to attend educational programs in excess of the hours established above.

(B) Judicial branch education credits for each employee shall be reported to the Director in such form and manner as the Committee shall prescribe.

(C) A retired judge working 60 days or more (whether part or full days) per year in a judicial capacity shall be required to fulfill the judicial branch education requirements; lodging and mileage costs incurred for attendance in state at approved education shall be paid by judicial branch education. A retired judge working less than 60 days per year in a judicial capacity, or a retired judge who has not consented to be recalled for temporary judicial service but who has not engaged in the practice of law for at least 1 year, may attend judicial branch education programs; however, lodging and mileage shall be at the retired judge's expense. A retired judge engaged in the practice of law shall not attend judicial branch education, unless invited as a speaker or as otherwise expressly approved by the advisory committee..

(D) The Committee may grant extensions of time to complete judicial branch education requirements for good cause shown. The press of business shall not be considered good cause.

*Rule 3(B) amended February 1, 2006; Rule 3(A) amended; Rule 3(B), 3(C)-(E) renumbered, and 3(C) amended May 23, 2007. Renumbered and codified as § 1-503, effective July 18, 2008; § 1-503(A) amended June 26, 2013; § 1-503(C) amended June 6, 2018.*

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