

On November 22, 2017, the Nebraska Supreme Court adopted the following rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. ch. 1, art. 5, appendix A, regarding Judicial Branch Education standards for Workers' Compensation court employees:

Appendix A

JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION STANDARDS

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STANDARDS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT EMPLOYEES

Program Requirements

~~Active members of NSBA working for the Worker's Compensation Court in staff attorney positions, including the general counsel, shall be subject to Mandatory Continuing Education Rules as administered by Judicial Branch Education and therefore will not be subject to JBE rules.~~ Attorneys employed by the Workers' Compensation Court shall complete a minimum of 10 hours of education approved by Judicial Branch Education. All other Worker's Compensation Court employees shall complete a minimum of 8 hours of approved course work each year. Education shall be funded through the Worker's Compensation Court.

Curriculum Standards

- a. Court-related education should address the areas of proficiency, competency, and performance.
- b. Court-related education and training programs should impart knowledge and understanding of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation court and the issues that face the court and shall be designed to increase the participant's understanding of the responsibilities of his or her position and its impact on the judicial process.
- c. Court-related education and training programs include:
 1. Orientation as soon as practicable after hiring or appointment.
 2. On-going education on an annual basis as offered by Judicial Branch Education, including distance learning opportunities offered by Judicial Branch Education through online courses and webinars.
 3. Education/training offered through Worker's Compensation Court.
 4. National programs as approved by JBE.

Orientation for Nebraska Worker's Compensation Court employees shall include, as a minimum:

1. An explanation of the specific responsibilities of the office involved and familiarization with court structure and procedures; and
2. An overview of:
 - a. the Nebraska judiciary, including the structure and function of each court;
 - b. current issues in the courts;
 - c. expectations when dealing with the public in the courts; and
 - d. effective communication skills for court employees.

On-going education for court employees shall be offered by Judicial Branch Education. Content shall be determined through the use of needs assessments completed by JBE in consultation with the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. On-going education shall be offered in a variety of formats including online learning.

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