

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

The Nebraska Supreme Court considered proposed amendments to Appendix A of Chapter 1, Article 5, Judicial Branch Education Standards for Court Reporting Personnel.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed amendments. Anyone desiring to submit a public comment for the Supreme Court's consideration should do so via email to [wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov](mailto:wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov), with the following text listed in the email subject line: **Chapter 1, Article 5, Appendix A Education Standards**. Comments will be accepted through July 20, 2022.

The full text of the proposal is available below. To obtain a paper copy, please call the Clerk's Office at 402-471-3731.

## Appendix A

### JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION STANDARDS

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#### STANDARDS FOR COURT REPORTING PERSONNEL

##### **Program Requirements**

All Court Reporting Personnel shall complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of approved course work each year.

##### **Curriculum Standards**

a. Stenographic and digital court reporter and district court courtroom clerk education should address the areas of proficiency, competency and current issues facing them in the District and Separate Juvenile Courts.

b. County court courtroom clerk education should address the areas of proficiency, competency and current issues facing them in the County Courts. This standard also applies to any county court personnel who, in whole or in part according to the terms of their employment, make, preserve or deliver the record of any trial or proceeding in the county court.

c. Court-related education and training programs should impart knowledge and understanding of the Nebraska judiciary and the legal process and increase the participant's understanding of the responsibilities of his or her position and its impact on the judicial process.

d. Court-related education and training programs shall include:

1. All Court Reporting Personnel as defined by Neb. Ct. R. § 1-204(A)(1) shall attend the orientation conducted by the ~~AACP~~ JBE and receive education regarding the Nebraska judiciary, including the structure and function of each court; current issues in the courts, including jury management, dealing with self-represented litigants, ethics and diversity issues.
2. Orientation should be completed within six months of hiring.
3. Stenographic Court Reporters in addition to the orientation conducted by the ~~AACP~~ JBE shall also attend ~~the orientation, which shall be at a minimum an additional 4 hours of education taught or approved by JBE, conducted by the Nebraska Court Reporters Association and taught by members of the association~~ covering specific responsibilities and duties of the stenographic court reporter.
4. Digital Court Reporters in addition to the orientation conducted by the ~~AACP~~ JBE shall also attend an additional 4 hours of education taught or approved by the ~~AACP~~ JBE covering specific responsibilities and duties of the digital court reporter.
5. District and County Court Courtroom Clerks in addition to the orientation conducted by the ~~AACP~~ JBE shall also attend an additional 4 hours of education taught or approved by the ~~AACP~~ JBE covering specific responsibilities and duties of the courtroom clerk. This standard also applies to any county court personnel who, in whole or in part according to the terms of their employment, make, preserve or deliver the record of any trial or proceeding in the county court.
6. On-going annual education as offered by Judicial Branch Education.
7. Online learning opportunities offered by Judicial Branch Education.
8. Education offered by the Nebraska Court Reporters Association or other organizations offering education on making and preserving the record and approved for credit by Judicial Branch Education.

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