

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on proposed amendments to the Supreme Court's Problem-Solving and Drug Court Rules at Neb. Ct. R. § 6-1210. The amendments were submitted to the Supreme Court for consideration on March 10, 2016, by Scott Carlson, Statewide Coordinator for Problem-Solving Courts.

Anyone desiring to comment on these proposed amendments should do so in writing to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via e-mail to jill.machacek@nebraska.gov, no later than June 15, 2016.

A hard copy may be reviewed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals upon request.

Article 12: Problem-Solving and Drug Courts.

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§ 6-1210. Succession Planning for Problem-Solving Court Judges.

(A) Commencing May 1, 2016, each problem-solving court shall have a written plan setting forth the procedure for the succession of the judge or judges who serve as the problem-solving court judge in the event of the death, disability, retirement, resignation, elevation to another court, or failure to be retained by the judge then serving the court.

(B) Such plan shall require the successor judge so identified to receive training appropriate to the problem-solving court at the National Judicial College, under programs offered by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, or equivalent training as approved by the Nebraska Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator.

(C) The plan shall provide that the training shall take place before the event which gives rise to the service of the successor. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, and with approval of the Supreme Court, the training requirement may be fulfilled after the precipitating event.

(D) Such succession plan shall be reviewed, amended as necessary to reflect current circumstances, and resubmitted to the Supreme Court every 3 years after May 1, 2016. The succession plan may include such other provisions as each problem-solving court shall deem necessary and appropriate for the continued operation of each court.