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2008 - 2009 ICJE Annual Report

Narrative Report of the Executive Director for FY 2009

Institutional Background

The Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia (ICJE), a public service and outreach commitment of the University of Georgia School of Law, is a resource consortium the State’s bench, bar and law schools. Its governing Board of Trustees reflects representation from the State’s four ABA accredited law schools, the State Bar, and the judicial branch constituents served. The Institute is a creation of the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council of Georgia. The ICJE bears primary responsibility for initial training and continuing education of elected officials and court support personnel of the Georgia judiciary. Conferences, seminars and workshops signify the products traditionally identified with the ICJE by constituents. However, program support materials, monographs and exercises, videotapes as well as other self-study resources are also embraced by the Institute’s efforts. The ICJE provides semi-annual or annual programs for Judges of Superior, State, Juvenile, Probate, Magistrate and Municipal Courts, together with training for record keeping Clerks of Superior, State, Juvenile, Probate, Magistrate and Municipal Courts, as well as courses for secretaries of both trial court judges and magistrates, along with instructional activities for judicial law clerks, juvenile court intake and probation officers, court administrators, and Administrative Law Judges of Georgia’s Office of State Administrative Hearings and the Workers Comp Board. For most of these constituencies, the ICJE works as a full-service

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CJE design and delivery resource, for some a fund source, and still others an accreditation body.

**Major Highlights of the Fiscal Year**

During the 2008 - 2009 product year, FY 2009, the Institute successfully delivered a modified calendar of its customary activities. For the nineteenth consecutive year, more than 2,500 attendees (actually 2,654) took part in Institute programming, but this was less than the annual goal of 3,000. Attendee contact hours for the year totaled 46,532, falling short of a ninth consecutive year to exceed 50,000 ACH. The shortcomings of this product year related to funding reductions initiated by the legislature during August, 2008, in response to a pattern of falling state revenue in a declining overall economy. An immediate consequence of this fiscal reality was elimination of conference and seminar products for non-mandated constituencies during the last 9 months of the fiscal year. Unlike previous years, no record-setting participation was achieved in any of ICJE's regular events, nor did any advancement occur from the prior year in building new product development efforts.

Specialty course activities originating from prior years yet again delivered during the FY 2009 product year targeted: Handling Domestic Violence Cases, Mentor Orientation, Jail Diversion, Pharmacology of Drugs, Firearms Familiarization, Spanish for Judges and Spanish for Clerks, Substance Abuse & Addiction, and a variety of Judging & Humanities or Law and Literature offerings.

Readings for the year's various Judging and Humanities efforts centered around the books: *Finding Susan* by Molly Moran, *Beautiful Boy* by David Sheff and *Tweak* by

Due to the foreseeable non-reliability of State financial resources, a comprehensive assessment was undertaken to learn from the respective class-of-court constituencies how they preferred delivery of CJE products and services. The result from this conversational interview, small group discussion workshop, as well as random survey effort, was unmistakable. Computer-delivered, on-line, at home / in office learning was by far the least-favored method for participation in CJE. Next least-favored was regionally delivered, day-long conferences or seminars, which would obviate the incurring of expense for overnight lodging or distant travel. Third least-favored were subject-matter specific, multi / cross class-of-court conferences, whether multi-day or single day, which mixed participants from every class-of-court for which the topic were relevant to judicial practice. Fair removed from these least-favored formats were the more-favored methods of the compressed, single 12-20 program hour conference that would offer multi-tracked topical choices over a day and a half. Nevertheless, most-favored was the customary or existing format of 12-20 program hour choices delivered over a three day period, targeting each respective class-of-court with semi-annual conferences.

For FY 2009, the ICJE’s State general revenue appropriations request for *full funding* of the total costs for continuing judicial education in Georgia was not embraced, again, by the legislature. Indeed, the Institute operated in FY 2009 on fewer appropriated dollars than were available during FY 2003. State funding for magistrates’ products and services was restored FY 2009 as compared to FY 2008. But, while the 2009 fiscal year began with $1,298,000 in spending authorization, through incremental holdbacks and cuts it ended with $1,034,841. By brokering uncommitted funds from other judicial branch agencies for educational product design
and delivery, along with revenue generated from international training projects, the ICJE was able nevertheless to sustain offering a creative array of CJE services on behalf of the Georgia judiciary.

**Assessment of ICJE Effectiveness Measures**

In contrast to the steady, incremental, institutional progress made in prior years, in the 2008-2009 program year, FY 2009:

- Total participant attendance in ICJE seminar and conference activities for annually recurring as well as special events fell to the sum of 2,654, and attendee contact hours for the year fell to 46,532.

- Financial aid was eliminated that in prior years enabled Georgia judges to take part in programs of the National Judicial College, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the American Judges Institute, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

- Similarly, training was eliminated that heretofore targeted Secretaries to Superior Court Judges and State Court Judges, Law Clerks to Superior Court and State Court Judges, as well as Juvenile Court Intake and Probations Officers.

- The longstanding certificate program for Clerks of Superior Court, delivered by the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government, continued during FY 2009, growing out of initial development of this product by the CVIOG during FY 2004.

- Georgia's Magistrate Courts Training Council continued its court system-leading production of a high quality benchbook with yet another annual update and regular use of this resource in its survey update recertification and basic certification training. The product also continued to be offered on-line at the Magistrates’ web-site as well as on CD-ROM for individuals who prefer these formats to hard copy publications. An update for the Municipal
Courts Benchbook was also completed and distributed in CD-ROM format. Mentor-based new judge orientation for Georgia Magistrates saw nearly 30 mentoring pairs operating during the year, enabling new magistrates to receive coaching during their first year of service from a more experienced judge. All classes of court, moreover, continued to experiment with some form of program for new judge orientation.

- Funds appropriated by the legislature to the ICJE for programming and product development for the upcoming product year, FY 2010, declined further to the FY 2009, end-of-year sum of $1,034,841. This result was not without controversy. For example, throughout repeated legislative hearings during the fiscal year, three State Senators outspokenly called for CJE to be moved to a computer-based on-line process, and in the penultimate funding process the Senate eliminated all general revenue appropriations for the ICJE. In the legislative conference committee meeting on the final appropriations bill, the House version of the budget prevailed.

**Unit Health Overall in Retrospect**

During FY 2009, the number of available positions at the ICJE was held to 6 full-time and 2 part-time. One position authorized at the beginning of the fiscal year was never filled, Another position was, upon an employee’s retirement, reclassified downward to save funds before being filled. Judicial educational products and services funding, while reduced still supported a programming core, but relied far too heavily on encumbered funds furnished by the year-end collaboration of other departments of the judicial branch. Appropriated funds, tuition payments, grants and service fees again combined to furnish slightly less than 1.10 million dollars ($1,034,841). Sources of these funds included the: Board of Court Reporting, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, local county and municipal governing authorities, Magistrate
Courts Training Council, Municipal Courts Training Council, Council of Probate Court Judges, Council of Magistrate Court Judges, Council of State Court Judges, Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. During the year, nevertheless, ever-improving administrative practices were brought to bear in processing funding as well as contracts and grants, operational expenses, program registrations, statistical data, financial aid requests, and annual report information.
Agenda Suggestions
ICJE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting of Friday, November 14, 2008
Lake Blackshear Resort & Conference Center
(near Cordele, GA) noon - 2:00 p.m. (including lunch)

I. Opening Business [5 minutes]
   A. Establish quorum and introduce new members and guests {2 minutes}
   B. Review and approve minutes from last Board meeting, distributed by e-mail in
   advance to Trustees prior to this meeting {2 minutes}
   C. Peruse suggestions and adopt agenda {1 minute}

II. Ongoing Business [30 minutes]
   A. Comment on year-to-date program statistics and evaluation summaries {20 minutes}.
   B. Review of FY 2009 fiscal status reports reflecting expenses for: administration, state-
   based projects, and nationally-based financial aid {5 minutes}.
   C. Question-answer forum regarding ongoing projects: (1) update on calendar for
   conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units;
   (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State
   Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing refinement of GA’s DV/FV Benchbook
   through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts
   Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior
   Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status
   of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human
   Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training
   through the GA Supreme Court’s Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI
   evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges &
   court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials
   revision; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment
   Projects; (12) progress status of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG
   implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards
   preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16)
   ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges. {5 minutes}

III. New Business [20 minutes]
   A. Report on hearings for FY 2009 & FY 2010 appropriations requests, and potential
   feedback to constituency groups for future plans {4 minutes}
   B. Review of ICJE product reduction in light of legislative requests,
   including personnel reconfigurations {6 minutes}
   C. Program and funding status for Superior Court Judges 2009 Winter Conference,
   including specialty course tracks {10 minutes}

IV. Concluding Business [5 minutes]
   A. Final reactions, observations and further questions; requests for executive session
   B. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting: Friday, January 23, 2009, noon -
   2:00 pm, in Athens, GA, at the UGA’s Georgia Center for Continuing Education
I. Opening Business

A. The meeting was convened for business at 1:05 p.m. Present for the meeting were: Judges Greg Adams, Bryant Henry, Michael Cielinski, J.D. Smith, Ben Studdard, and Attorney Robert Ingram, and Justice Harris Hines, as well as Attorney Cynthia Clanton sitting in for State Court Administrator David Ratley. ICJE staff members Richard Reaves, Executive Director, and Susan Nunnally, Administrative Associate, were present to take minutes and provide logistical support.

B. Board Chair, Judge Greg Adams, noted that a quorum of at least seven voting Trustees was present. Judge Adams welcomed Judge Henry's spouse as an observer at the meeting. On a motion by Judge Cielinski, seconded by Attorney Ingram, the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, disseminated via e-mail, were approved.

C. Similarly, the agenda suggested by the Executive Director for Board action was reviewed and adopted pursuant to a motion by Judge Smith, seconded by Attorney Ingram.

II. Ongoing Business

A. The Institute's current statistical reports were referenced by the Executive Director, with the attendee contact hour report of conference and seminar product activity indicating that during the four months of FY 2009 the ICJE sponsored 14 programs, involving 946 participants, encompassing 240 instructional hours, resulting in total attendee contact hours of 16,867. Such a report reflects credible progress toward attaining the ICJE's annual goal of conducting 50,000 attendee contact hours while serving more than 3,000 constituents.

The Board's attention was then called by Mr. Reaves to specific subject matter and instructional highlights revealed by the program evaluation summaries for various course activities, including the: (1) WebCT (on-line) Domestic Violence Course; (2) Basic Course on Domestic Violence; (3) Summer Conference for Superior Court Judges; (4) Survey Recertification Course for Magistrate Court Judges; (5) Traffic Seminar for Probate Court Judges; (6) Probate Court Clerks Conference; (7) Civil Basic Course for New Non-Attorney Magistrates; (8) Survey Recertification Course for Municipal Court Judges; (8) Basic Course for New Municipal Court Clerks; (9) Firearms Awareness & Safety Course; (10) Juvenile Court Judges Fall Conference; (11) The Executive Director commented on especially exceptional presentations, as indicated by participant evaluation data either for particular topics or specific speakers, together with narrative observations reflected in the written comments from some of the program evaluations.
B. Reports reflecting the Institute’s fiscal status for administration, state-based programs and out-of-state financial aid were then presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, Judge Michael Cielinski, along with the Fiscal Officer / Administrative Associate Susan Nunnally. One-third of the way through the fiscal year, FY 2009, adequate positive balances remained present in the major account categories and fund sources managed by the Institute.

C. During the Board Meeting’s routine Q&A session with the Director regarding correspondence and / or ongoing projects, he offered to address any questions regarding the: (1) update on calendar for conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing refinement of GA’s DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court’s Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges & court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials revision funding proposal; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment Projects; (12) progress status of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16) continuing experimental progress with WebCT on-line course delivery; (17) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges. It was noted that the current calendar targeted visiting judicial delegations that were to originate from Argentina (August-September 2008), Brazil (December, 2008) and possibly Liberia (May - June, 2009).

III. New Business

A. The Executive Director reported on the results of Summer 2008, reductions in spending of appropriated funds sought by the legislative appropriations leadership. The Director described how contingency plans were made for 6%, 8% and 10% reductions in ICJE spending, derived from realigning some expenditure plans for personnel, eliminating financial support for certain non-mandated training, generally fore-going financial aid for nationally-based training, along with other general cost-cutting.

B. Mr. Reaves described potentials for compressing the delivery of certain future conferences to cut back on some of the daily expenses, to include where attendee reimbursement is a factor the cost of lodging room nights and attendant meals.

C. For the January, 2009, Superior Court Judges conference, he explained the caps on reimbursement expenses that would allow equitable access to travel expense reimbursement, but not be the equal sum per person that the Executive Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges had voted as its solution to economizing. That approach would not meet State travel regulations, but the ICJE’s staff formula would be within these regulations.

Finally, the Executive Director explained the rationale for delivery of a specialty course on Judicially hosted case settlement, requested by the Chief Justice and targeting Senior Judges. The Director outlined the faculty recruited for this activity along with reviewing
its contents. He explained that reimbursement for the Senior Judges would be on the same basis as for regular Superior Court Judges attending the Winter Conference.

Judge Smith raised the question of whether the ICJE would be imprudent to reimburse Senior Judges, because the funding to enable them to serve on a regular assignment basis had been removed during the latest round of spending “hold back” decisions, and the entire Senior Judge program was looked upon with disfavor by many persons in the other branches of government. Lengthy and wide-ranging debate ensued over this question. The staff recommendation was based on the premise that removal of these individuals from the judge-assignment pool inevitably will lead to a build-up of case backlog. Enabling these intellectual capital resources to become part of the ADR system via implementation of Judicially Hosted Case Settlement would still aid the trial courts, and ultimately aid the public that the courts are created to serve.

IV. Concluding Business

No final reactions, observations or further questions were stated.

There was no call for an Executive Session.

An announcement of scheduling for the next Board meeting could not be made. Ms. Nunnally noted that once the State Bar informed the ICJE of its meeting schedule for the year, the Trustees would be informed of the meeting line-up for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Attested:

Michael Cielinksi
Secretary-Treasurer

Respectfully submitted:

Richard D. Reaves
Executive Director
I. Opening Business [5 minutes]
   A. Establish quorum and introduce new members and guests [2 minutes]
   B. Review and approve minutes from last Board meeting, distributed by e-mail in advance to Trustees prior to this meeting [2 minutes]
   C. Peruse suggestions and adopt agenda [1 minute]

II. Ongoing Business [30 minutes]
   A. Comment on year-to-date program statistics and evaluation summaries [20 minutes].
   B. Review of FY 2009 financial status reports reflecting expenses for: administration, state-based projects, and nationally-based financial aid [5 minutes].
   C. Question-answer forum regarding ongoing projects: (1) update on calendar for conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing publication of GA's DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court’s Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges & court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials revision; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment Projects; (12) fiscal hold on progress of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges. [5 minutes]

III. New Business [20 minutes]
   A. Report on hearings for FY 2009 & FY 2010 appropriations requests, and potential feedback to constituency groups for future plans [14 minutes]
   B. Review of ICJE product reduction in light of legislative requests, including personnel reconfigurations [6 minutes]

IV. Concluding Business [5 minutes]
   A. Final reactions, observations and further questions; requests for executive session
   B. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting: Friday, March 20, 2009, noon - 2:00 pm, near Greensboro, GA, at the Lake Oconee Ritz-Carlton, in connection with State Bar Board of Governors meeting
MINUTES OF THE ICJE BOARD
Meeting of Friday, January 23, 2009
UGA - Georgia Center for Continuing Education
Athens, GA, Noon - 2:00 p.m., including lunch

I. Opening Business

A. The meeting was convened for business at 1:10 p.m. Present for the meeting were: Judges Greg Adams, Bryant Henry, Michael Cielinski, J.D. Smith, Carlisle Overstreet, Ben Studdard, Tammy Brown and Jim Thurman as well as Attorney Jay Cook, Superior Court Clerk Beverly Logan, State Court Administrator David Ratley and UGA Law School Dean Rebecca White. ICJE staff members Richard Reaves, Executive Director, and Susan Nunnally, Administrative Associate, were present to take minutes and provide logistical support.

B. Board Chair, Judge Greg Adams, noted that a quorum of at least seven voting Trustees was present, and asked all persons present to introduce themselves. On a motion by Judge Overstreet, seconded by Clerk Logan, minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, disseminated via e-mail, were approved.

C. Similarly, the agenda suggested by the Executive Director for Board action was reviewed and adopted pursuant to a motion by Judge Smith, seconded by State Court Administrator Ratley.

II. Ongoing Business

A. The Institute’s current statistical reports were referenced by the Executive Director, with the attendee contact hour report of conference and seminar product activity indicating that during the first six months of FY 2009 the ICJE sponsored 21 programs, involving 1,406 participants, encompassing 406 instructional hours, resulting in total attendee contact hours of 25,461. Even in the face of foreseeable budget and programming cuts, such a report reflects credible progress toward attaining the ICJE’s annual goal of conducting 50,000 attendee contact hours while serving more than 3,000 constituents. 

The Board’s attention was then called by Mr. Reaves to specific subject matter and instructional highlights revealed by the program evaluation summaries for various course activities, including the: (1) 16 Hour Basic Course for Municipal Court Clerks; (2) State Court Judges Fall Conference; (3) Firearms Familiarity Course; (4) Juvenile Court Judges Fall Conference; (5) UGA Pharmacy College’s Current Issues in Substance Abuse; (6) Substance Abuse & Addiction Specialty Course; (7) 8 Hour Recertification Course for Municipal Court Clerks; (8) Probate Court Judges Fall Conference; (9) Spanish for Municipal Court Judges; (10) Magistrate Clerks & Secretaries Conference; (11) Probate Court Judges’ New Judge Orientation; (12) 8 Hour Boot camp for New Chief Magistrates. The Executive Director commented on especially exceptional
presentations, as indicated by participant evaluation data either for particular topics or specific speakers, together with narrative observations reflected in the written comments from some of the program evaluations.

B. Reports reflecting the Institute’s fiscal status for administration, state-based programs and out-of-state financial aid were then presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, Judge Michael Cielinski, along with the Fiscal Officer / Administrative Associate Susan Nunnally. At this halfway point in the fiscal year, FY 2009, adequate positive balances remained present in the major account categories and fund sources managed by the Institute.

C. During the Board Meeting’s routine Q&A session with the Director regarding correspondence and / or ongoing projects, he offered to address any questions regarding the: (1) update on calendar for conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing refinement of GA's DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court's Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges & court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials revision funding proposal; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment Projects; (12) progress status of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16) continuing experimental progress with WebCT on-line course delivery; (17) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges. It was noted that the current calendar targeted visiting judicial delegations that were to originate from Argentina (August-September 2008), Brazil (December, 2008) and possibly Liberia (May - June, 2009).

Mr. Reaves commented on the ongoing healthy status of the benchbooks for Magistrate Court and for Municipal Court Judges, but reported that funding sources had run out for maintaining the Domestic Violence Benchbook after just five years of efforts to create this product. He said that the editor was thinking about looking toward the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government for financial and editorial aid, inasmuch as the various partners of the judicial branch that had begun this publication were not able to broker the monies to sustain it.

III. New Business

A. The Executive Director reported on how contingency plans were being made for 6%, 8% and 10% reductions in ICJE spending for both FY 2009 and FY 2010, derived from realigning some expenditure plans for personnel, eliminating financial support for certain non-mandated training, generally fore-going financial aid for nationally-based training, along with other general cost-cutting.
B. The Director described expense-saving potentials derived from compressing the delivery of certain future conferences in order to cut back on some of the daily expenses, to include where attendee reimbursement is a factor to reduce the cost of lodging room nights and attendant meals. Mr. Reaves also noted that the ICJE may need to look at charging tuition / registration fees for regular courses, or possibly to reduce to one the number of course offerings available to constituencies that were accustomed to two semi-annual conferences sponsored by the ICJE.

IV. Concluding Business

No final reactions, observations or further questions were stated.

There was no call for an Executive Session.

Scheduling for the next Board meeting was announced as Friday, March 20, 2009, noon - 2:00 pm, near Greensboro, GA, at the Lake Oconee Ritz-Carlton, in connection with State Bar Board of Governors' Spring Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attested:  Respectfully submitted.

Michael Cielinski  Richard D. Reaves
Secretary-Treasurer  Executive Director
I. Opening Business [5 minutes]
   A. Establish quorum and introduce new members and guests {2 minutes}
   B. Review and approve minutes from last Board meeting, distributed by e-mail in advance to Trustees prior to this meeting {2 minutes}
   C. Peruse suggestions and adopt agenda {1 minute}

II. Ongoing Business [30 minutes]
   A. Comment on year-to-date program statistics and evaluation summaries {20 minutes}.  
   B. Review of FY 2009 financial status reports reflecting expenses for: administration, state-based projects, and nationally-based financial aid {5 minutes}.
   C. Question-answer forum regarding ongoing projects: (1) update on calendar for conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing publication of GA’s DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court’s Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges & court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials revision; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment Projects; (12) fiscal hold on progress of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges. {5 minutes}

III. New Business [20 minutes]
   A. Report on hearings for FY 2009 & FY 2010 appropriations requests, and potential feedback to constituency groups for future plans {10 minutes}
   B. Review of ICJE product reduction in light of legislative requests, including personnel reconfigurations {6 minutes}
   C. If funding unknown by June, procedure for FY 2010 Budget adoption {4 minutes}

IV. Concluding Business [5 minutes]
   A. Final reactions, observations and further questions; requests for executive session
   B. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting: Friday, June 5, 2009, noon - 2:00 pm, State Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, GA
MINUTES OF THE ICJE BOARD
Meeting of Friday, March 20, 2009
Ritz Carlton Hotel & Conference Center
Lake Oconee, GA, Noon - 2:00 p.m., including lunch

I. Opening Business

A. The meeting was convened for business at 1:10 p.m. Present for the meeting were: Judges Greg Adams, Bryant Henry, Michael Cielinski, Carlisle Overstreet, Ben Studdard, Tammy Brown and Jim Thurman as well as Attorney Jay Cook, Attorney Robert Ingram, Superior Court Clerk Beverly Logan, Legal Counsel Cynthia Clanton of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Supreme Court Liaison Harris Hines. ICJE staff members Richard Reaves, Executive Director, and Susan Nunnally, Administrative Associate, were present to take minutes and provide logistical support.

B. Board Chair, Judge Greg Adams, noted that a quorum of at least seven voting Trustees was present, and asked all persons present to introduce themselves. On a motion by Judge Thunnan, seconded by Judge Bryant, minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, disseminated via e-mail, were approved.

C. Similarly, the agenda suggested by the Executive Director for Board action was reviewed and adopted pursuant to a motion by Judge Cielinski, seconded by Judge Brown.

II. Ongoing Business

A. The Institute’s current statistical reports were referenced by the Executive Director, with the attendee contact hour report of conference and seminar product activity indicating that during the first eight months of FY 2009 the ICJE sponsored 27 programs, involving 1,703 participants, encompassing 545 instructional hours, resulting in total attendee contact hours of 31,668. In light of the already accomplished budget reductions for FY 2009, such a report reflects credible progress yet the likelihood of attaining the ICJE's annual goal of conducting 50,000 attendee contact hours while serving more than 3,000 constituents is in doubt due to foreseeable programming cuts.

The Board’s attention was then called by Mr. Reaves to specific subject matter and instructor leadership highlights revealed by the program evaluation summaries for various course activities, including the: (1) Superior Court Judges Winter Conference, including tracks addressing New Judge Orientation, Handling Death Penalty Cases, and Judicially Hosted Case Settlement practice for Senior Judges; (2) New Municipal Court Clerks Basic Course; (3) Non-Attorney Magistrates Criminal Law & Procedure Basic Course. The Executive Director commented on especially exceptional presentations, as indicated by numerical evaluation data either for particular topics or specific speakers, together with narrative observations reflected in the written comments from some of the program evaluations.
B. Reports reflecting the Institute's fiscal status for administration, state-based programs and out-of-state financial aid were then presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, Judge Michael Cielinski, along with the Fiscal Officer / Administrative Associate Susan Nunnally. At this two-thirds point in the fiscal year, FY 2009, adequate positive balances remained present in the major account categories and fund sources managed by the Institute.

The Executive Director noted that the FY 2009 spending-holdback required by the legislature of $119,000 was reflected in the positive balance remaining in the program budget. Attorney Cook suggested that, for public relations purposes, all the Trustees be afforded a breakdown of the particular products and services reduced by the mandated hold-back. Ms. Nunnally and Mr. Reaves promised to furnish that information to the Board Members before the following Tuesday.

C. During the Board Meeting's routine Q&A session with the Director regarding correspondence and/or ongoing projects, he offered to address any questions regarding the: (1) update on calendar for conference and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE records; (4) ongoing refinement of GA's DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or/and mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court's Fairness & Access to Justice Commission; (8) DUI evidence video for municipal court judges; (9) Spanish language classes for judges & court support personnel; (10) Death Penalty Specialty Course delivery and materials revision funding proposal; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional Enrichment Projects; (12) progress status of the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder abuse law resource development; (16) continuing experimental progress with WebCT on-line course delivery; (17) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of foreign judges.

It was noted that the current calendar targeted visiting judicial delegations originating from Argentina (August-September 2009), and Brazil (December, 2009). Mr. Reaves noted that the country of Dubai had contacted the Dean Rusk Center about the IJTP courses designed by the ICJE, and was paying for a Rusk Center visitor to Dubai in May to work on developing an ongoing CJE relationship with that region of the world.

Mr. Reaves commented on the ongoing healthy status of the benchbooks for Magistrate Court and for Municipal Court Judges, but reported that funding sources had run out for maintaining the Domestic Violence Benchbook after just five years of efforts to create this product. He said that the editor was thinking about looking toward the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government for financial and editorial aid, inasmuch as the various partners of the judicial branch that had begun this publication were not able to broker the monies to sustain it.

III. New Business

A. The Executive Director reported on how contingency plans had been projected and implemented for 6%, 8% and 10% reductions in ICJE spending for both FY 2009 and FY 2010, derived from realigning some expenditure plans for personnel, eliminating financial support for certain non-mandated training, generally fore-going financial aid for nationally-based training, along with other general cost-cutting. He noted that the House version of the FY 2010 budget
was slightly greater than the approved spending for FY 2009. Yet, the greatest objection to funding the ICJE adequately was emanating from the Senate.

B. The Director described expense-saving experience derived from compressing the delivery of the recent Superior Court Judges Winter Conference, in order to cut back on some of the daily expenses, including reducing the cost of participant mileage, lodging room nights and attendant meals. Mr. Reaves also noted that the ICJE probably will need to look at charging tuition / registration fees for regular courses in the upcoming fiscal year or possibly to reduce to one the number of course offerings available to constituencies that were accustomed to two semi-annual conferences sponsored by the ICJE.

Judge Henry requested that the respective educational planning committees and Training Councils be afforded the opportunity to provide input to the ICJE on how future product formatting changes might be implemented. The Director confirmed that this could be accomplished at meetings scheduled for this Spring. Attorney Cook encouraged consideration of using the State Bar Center as a venue for CJE. Moreover, he said that combining the voices of judges and lawyers in CJE-CLE opportunities may strengthen these programs, not to mention the prospects for funding them. Judge Studdard and Judge Brown expressed skepticism about the satisfactory character of employing distance learning methods. The face-to-face interaction of the live conference was lauded by them. Judge Thurman expressed vehement support and high confidence in the ability of the ICJE staff to furnish a variety of good quality CJE products and services, saying that he'd witnessed a steady improvement in CJE throughout his significant tenure as a Magistrate and a Municipal Court Judge.

IV. Concluding Business

No final reactions, observations or further questions were stated.

There was no call for an Executive Session.

Scheduling for the next Board meeting was announced as Friday, June 5, 2009, noon - 2:00 pm, at the State Bar Headquarters in Atlanta.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attested: Respectfully submitted:

Michael Cielinski Richard D. Reaves
Secretary-Treasurer Executive Director
Agenda Suggestions
ICJE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting of Friday, June 5, 2009
State Bar of Georgia, Conference Center, Atlanta, GA
Noon - 2:00 p.m. (including lunch)

I. Opening Business [5 minutes]
   A. Establish quorum and introduce new members and guests {2 minutes}
   B. Review and approve minutes from last Board meeting, distributed by e-mail in advance to
      Trustees prior to this meeting {2 minutes}
   C. Peruse suggestions and adopt agenda {1 minute}

II. Ongoing Business [30 minutes]
   A. Comment on year-to-date program statistics and evaluation summaries {20 minutes}
   B. Review of FY 2009 financial status reports reflecting expenses for: administration, state-
      based projects, and nationally-based financial aid {5 minutes}
   C. Question-answer forum regarding ongoing projects: (1) update on calendar for conference
      and seminar products; (2) Judging & Humanities Immersion specialty units; (3) ICJE website
      improvements, including Court Reporter pre-approval process and State Court Judges MCJE
      records; (4) ongoing publication of GA’s DV/FV Benchbook through ICJE, and update for
      Municipal Courts Benchbook and Magistrate Courts Benchbook; (5) orientation or / and
      mentor training plans for newly selected Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court,
      Probate Court and Juvenile Court Judges; (6) status of nationally-based model curricula
      reviews and usages; (7) UGA Institute of Human Development and Disabilities Safe & Able
      Lives CJE Project, together with training through the GA Supreme Court’s Fairness & Access
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      delivery and materials revision; (11) design and delivery of multi-courts specialty Professional
      Enrichment Projects, and WebCT on-line learning activities; (12) fiscal hold on progress of
      the Judicial Leadership Academy; (13) CVIOG implementation of Certificate Program for
      Superior Court Clerks; (14) all hazards preparedness products; (15) DAS revival of elder
      abuse law resource development; (16) ongoing involvement with visiting delegations of
      foreign judges (Argentina, Brazil, Dubai, Guyana). {5 minutes}

III. New Business [20 minutes]
   A. Report on FY 2011 appropriations request {10 minutes}
   B. Review of FY 2010 ICJE product re-alignment in light of legislative requests, and
      feedback from constituency groups {10 minutes}

IV. Concluding Business [5 minutes]
   A. Final reactions, observations and further questions; requests for executive session
   B. Executive Session
   C. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting: Friday, September 11, 2009, Savannah,
      GA, Hyatt-Regency (w/ State bar Board of Governors) ???
MINUTES OF THE ICJE BOARD
Meeting of Friday, June 5, 2009
State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
Atlanta, GA, Noon - 2:00 p.m., including lunch

I. Opening Business

A. The meeting was convened for business at 12:10 p.m. Present for the meeting were: Judges Greg Adams, Bryant Henry, Michael Cielinski, Tammy Brown and Jim Thurman as well as Attorney Jay Cook, Mr. David Ratley, Director of the AOC of GA, and Supreme Court Liaison Harris Hines. ICJE staff members Richard Reaves, Executive Director, and Susan Nunnally, Administrative Associate, were present to take minutes and provide logistical support. Guests included: Legal Counsel Cynthia Clanton of the AOC of GA, Atty. Sharon Reiss, Executive Director of the GA Council of Magistrate Court Judges, Judge Connie Holt, President of the GA Council of Magistrate Court Judges, and Judge Kim Warden, Past President of this same Council. Mr. Ratley announced his retirement, but extolled the work of the ICJE over the 30+ years he had seen the organization work in Georgia. Outgoing Trustee Cook also expressed admiration for the ICJE's work, and pledged to be available in future to lend support.

B. Board Chair, Judge Greg Adams, noted that a quorum of at least seven voting Trustees was present, and asked all persons present to introduce themselves. On a motion by Judge Cielinski, seconded by Judge Thurman, minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, disseminated via e-mail, were approved.

C. The agenda suggested by the Executive Director for Board action was reviewed and adopted pursuant to a motion by Judge Henry, seconded by Judge Cielinski.

II. Ongoing Business

Due to the specially called meeting of the Judicial Council, to begin at 1:00 p.m. and in which several ICJE Trustees has been asked to take part on behalf of their classes of court, Judge Adams directed that the ICJE Board Meeting commence with deliberations over the primary new business item, a proposed budget for FY 2010. The Executive Director explained that a new approach to annual program budgeting was being suggested. It would give each class-of-court access to infrastructural support funds for each / both of two semi-annual compressed conferences, along with limited personal travel expense reimbursement equitably distributed among participating judges. This reimbursement from the ICJE would be limited to $262 per judge per year. The semi-annual product election was recommended by the staff as a result of consultations with each class-of-court that occurred during the Spring, which revealed that if traditional products would not be available due to funding cutbacks the judges first preferred two compressed conferences per year, as compared to one conference along with a second online learning activity, or a regionalized array of training events, or multi-class-of-court conferencing. On a motion by Judge Thurman seconded by Judge Brown, the proposed
FY 2010 budget passed unanimously. Mr. Reaves also reported that the appropriated funds level for the year, $1,034,841, would be the same for funding sought in FY 2011.

B. The Institute’s current statistical reports were referenced by the Director, with the attendee contact hour report of conference and seminar product activity indicating that during the first eleven months of FY 2009 the ICJE sponsored 36 programs, involving 2,298 participants, encompassing 684 instructional hours, resulting in total attendee contact hours of 42,148. In light of the budget reductions required for FY 2009, such a report reflected credible progress, but the likelihood of attaining the ICJE’s annual goal of conducting 50,000 attendee contact hours while serving more than 3,000 constituents now appeared doubtful due to implemented programming cuts.

The Board’s attention was called by Mr. Reaves to specific subject matter and instructor leadership highlights revealed by the program evaluation summaries for various course activities, including the: (1) Jail Diversion – Mental Health Court WebCT program; (2) Juvenile Court Clerks Spring Conference; (3) Chief Magistrates’ Boot Camp; (4) Juvenile Court Judges Spring Conference; (5) State Court Judges Spring Conference. The Executive Director commented on especially exceptional presentations, as indicated by numerical evaluation data either for particular topics or specific speakers, together with narrative observations reflected in the written comments from some of the program evaluations. Judge Brown related that the Probate Court Judges experience with Dr. Hanscome during the Spring Conference did not reveal a successful fit. She indicated that the Executive Director had already made a workload reassignment to accommodate that group’s preference for having other staff support. Mr. Reaves acknowledged the accuracy of Judge Brown’s statements, and noted that Dr. Hanscome had performed well in working with WebCT products as well as with other judicial groups. Judge Thurman expressed the view that Dr. Hanscome’s work on behalf of the Magistrate Court Judges training had resulted in substantial improvements in their conference and specialty seminar activities as well as with the mentoring program.

C. Reports reflecting the Institute’s fiscal status for administration, state-based programs and out-of-state financial aid were presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, Judge Michael Cielinski, along with the Fiscal Officer / Administrative Associate Susan Nunnally. At this five-sixths point in the fiscal year, FY 2009, adequate positive balances remained present in the major account categories and fund sources managed by the Institute.

III. Concluding Business

At this juncture, the Board Chair directed an adjournment of the ICJE Board Meeting, because so many attendees needed to depart to attend the Judicial Council meeting. The quorum dissolved and the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Attested: Respectfully submitted:

Michael Cielinski Richard D. Reaves
Secretary-Treasurer Executive Director
### FY2009 ICJE Course Statistics

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STATISTICS ON CE COMPLIANCE
FOR
GEORGIA CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS
(Reflects Requests for Credit Processed by 7/1/2009)

GROUP I: CRs who completed the 2009 CE requirement

Seventy-three (73) of these reporters already completed the 2010 CE requirement!

GROUP II: CRs who completed the 2008 requirement but not 2009

TOTAL CRs IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANNUAL CE

Notes:
(1) Nineteen (19) CRs are currently suspended for failure to complete the 2008 CE requirement.
(2) The figures in this report are based only on the annual CE training requirement and may include reporters suspended by the Board for other reasons (such as fee renewal, LEAP, or disciplinary action).
### JUNE 2008

**STATISTICS ON CE COMPLIANCE FOR GEORGIA CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS**

(Reflects Requests for Credit Processed by 7/1/2008)

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**TOTAL CRs IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANNUAL CE** 1107

**Notes:**
1. Thirty (30) other CRs are currently suspended for failure to complete the 2007 CE requirement.
2. The figures in this report are based only on the annual CE training requirement and may include reporters suspended by the Board for other reasons (such as fee renewal, LEAP, or disciplinary action).
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ICJE Administrative - Expense Statement

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*Judges Fee Amount collected is $265.00, per Judge

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Total Municipal Court 338-344                         | $57,673.18     | $57,673.18   | $136,249.68     | $78,576.50     |

**Fund Source Activity: MCTC - MU Tuition Fees Account FY2009, 07/01/2008 - 03/13/2009**

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ICJE
Program Agenda
WebCT Domestic Violence
June 16 – July 11, 2008

Advanced Reading
Finding Susan by Molly Hurley Moran

- Module 1 (Week 1): June 16-20, 2008 (3 CLE)
  -- 3 Hours Online:
  -- Topic: Participant Introductions and Characteristics of DV

- Module 2 (Week 2): June 23-27, 2008 (3 CLE)
  -- 3 Hours Online:
  -- Topic: Role of Law Enforcement in DV Cases

- Module 3 (Week 3): June 30-July 4, 2008 (3 CLE, 1 Ethics)
  -- 3 Hours Online
  -- Topic: Finding Susan by Molly Hurley Moran

- Module 4 (Week 4): July 7-11, 2008 (3 CLE, 1 Professionalism)
  -- 3 Hours Online
  -- Topic: Preventing Gaps & Inconsistencies Across Courts
        Crossword Quiz – Review and Wrap-Up
EVALUATION
Web CT Class – June 16 – July 11, 2008

(5) The Highest

Module 1 – Participant Introductions & Characteristics of DV
Comments:
Great Class; look forward to future classes!
Very good.

Module 2 – Role of Law Enforcement in DV
Comments:
Judge Faber is always good in anything he teaches.
Well done.

Module 3 – "Finding Susan" - Book Discussion
Comments:
Excellent book. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Module 4 - (Part 1) - Preventing Gaps & Inconsistencies Across Courts
Comments:
I enjoyed this part. Every court needs to know their gaps, inconsistencies and weaknesses, as well as strengths.

Module 4 - (Part 2) - Crossword Quiz-Review & Wrap-Up
Comments:
This was fun and certainly made you think and study.

Additional Comments
I would like to thank ICJE for offering a course on-line. This, I enjoyed. Thanks.
I really enjoyed my participation in this on-line seminar. I feel like you actually focus in more to the topic and discussions in this format...even though, obviously, I would have loved to speak with the others in person! Great Job!!!
I like the on-line class. I wish next time all the classes would be posted in one week.
I really enjoyed this on-line class. I found it be informative and very convenient.
I think a course like this (internet) is a great way to learn and educate.
This was one of the best workshops ever! Please, let’s do more on-line work.
Really enjoyed course, looking forward to another course next year.
Great course.
I am so thankful that ICJE has allowed us the opportunity to have this class through WebCT.
It was so much easier for me to log into my counter and not have to travel. I also feel as though I got more out of this class by being able to sit back, relax and read these materials on my own. The discussion board was wonderful. We could share our thoughts and opinions freely and learn from each other.
Enjoyed on-line format – would do it again on another subject.

Total Participants: 26  Total Evaluations: 20
**ICJE CURRICULUM**

**20-Hour Domestic Violence Retreat**

**Professional Enrichment Product* (PEP)**

**July 10-11, 2008**

**Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris**

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**Thursday, July 10, 2008**

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**Friday, July 11, 2008**

- Program Coordinator: Dr. Lynda Hanscome: 706-542-7401 or lynda@icje.law.uga.edu
- Event Planner: Ms. Jean Hughes: 706-542-7940 or jean@icje.law.uga.edu

**MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS**

This program offers 8 MCLE hours, including 1 Trial Practice Hour and 1 Ethics Hour. If you wish to purchase MCLE credits, follow instructions on the enclosed form which is provided for your convenience.
“Finding Susan” Discussion of Book 4.53
Dr. Molly Moran 4.50

Comments:
At times the discussion was monopolized by one/two persons. However, I found the discussion to be very fruitful.
Twice, I have heard her, enjoy listening to her story.
“Finding Susan” helped me to see another side to a person who was in a very violent situation. It is easy for us to say what we would do but we haven’t been in this situation.
Very emotional.
Wonderful!
The discussion was so good that I think we could’ve had at least another hour!
Great idea!
Dr. Moran’s book raised some disturbing questions about the interfaces among victims of domestic violence, their families and those involved with the courts and law enforcement. Dr. Moran was disappointed that her sister was not saved by the system, and that her husband wasn’t convicted of her murder.
Fantastic!
Found very interesting.
Enjoyed her presentation.
Always a delight to hear.
I found this presentation to be a very novel approach to the topic of DV.
The book was very well written and insightful. Great idea!
Good speaker.
The book was sad, but a good read. Thanks!
Very good.
It was great idea to have Dr. Molly Moran with us. The book “Finding Susan” had more of an impact discussing the issues directly with her.
She is even better than Lenore Walker would have been.
She is as good as it gets.
Excellent - thought provoking.
Excellent!
Would have like to hear more.
Very good.
Was good to hear from someone with a personal experience and not a judicial or legal viewpoint.
One of the best ways to discuss this subject, is to have the author to lead the discussion.
Thanks so much.
So very glad to meet Dr. Moran.
Excellent book - problems in book have been (mostly) addressed now, in Georgia. A little outdated. Appreciate her attempts to encourage interaction but she needs to be more in control and direct the flow.

Judge Berryl Anderson 4.44

Comments:
Very thorough. Good energy and flow.
This was a very good/information discussion. Judge Anderson is a very interesting speaker.
Judge Anderson’s presentation about victim and perpetrator behaviors was very informative.
Excellent!
Fantastic! One of the best speakers we’ve had.
Would like to have supplemental materials. Too much discussion time.
She was really great! Great idea to have the clips! Superb - professional to the max.
Excellent presentation! Enjoyed the film clips. Good discussion.
Excellent! Very good on training techniques (clips from movie) and group discussion.
No break! Where was the break? No written materials. Where were the written materials?
First Appearance Hearing: 4.47
History & Bond Considerations
Comments:
This exercise made you think about the different scenarios. It was interesting to hear the other judge’s opinions.
Judge Anderson did a great job of leading us in discussion of the First Appearance Hearing and Bond Considerations.
Useful scenarios - I would like to see more examples.
Concerned with 17-10-1 which, however inconvenient is still the law - cannot set bond without hearing under this statute.
It would have been better to have the scenarios on the PowerPoint screen; 20 minutes was too long to discuss scenarios - go for 10 minutes. Otherwise, it was excellent.
Good topic. Superb - Scenario discussions great learning tool.
This should be mandatory for training during any session. Exercises and discussion great!!
No written materials. Where were the written materials?
Great information and direction, good energy and entertaining.

Law Enforcement 4.54
Sergeant Jay Eisner 4.57
Comments:
Outstanding!
Great!
It was very interesting to hear about domestic violence from law enforcement’s perspective. It is easy to see how they can become frustrated.
Sergeant Eisner’s presentation about how the response of police to DV calls may affect both the safety of the parties and the progress of the case was very helpful.
Excellent program. Very nice to get officer point of view.
Great presentation. Revealed some different perspectives from law enforcement and how judges can influence investigation.
Good speaker. Interesting perspective.
The print on slides too small. Use Arial or Tahoma font because it’s easier to read; very good info/good delivery. Good topic.
Terrific speaker! Very good information given. The slides were wonderful.
I like officer to teach officers and judges.
Excellent! Very interesting class.
Very good communication/self evaluation of procedures good.
Where are the written materials for the PowerPoint?
Great presenter and enthusiasm about info and presentation.

Firearms Legislation: Judicial Roles & Responsibilities 4.37
Judge Daphne Walker 4.55
Comments:
More for state and superior courts.
Great presentation!
Useful subject and speaker was effective.
We do not do TPOs but this info was very informative and enlightening.
Good info!
Judge Walker’s presentation on the federal firearms legislation was very informative and helpful.
The interactive teaching method helped me to realize what extra steps my jurisdiction needs to take to ensure that the statute is implemented and effective as to our cases.
Very informative. Will take “new” knowledge back to work Monday morning.
Always a joy!
Great info and analysis. Would be nice to have copy of statutes and a sample TPO form.
Good speaker - learned a lot.
Good presentation. Enjoyed the candy.
Great speaker - excellent material.
Judge Walker was a very good motivational speaker. She kept you involved in her discussion.
Very knowledgeable and thought provoking.
Excellent presentation skills and information.
Very good.
Instructor did a good job.
Information, involvement, participation was very rewarding. Thanks!
Excellent!
Not a very practical or useful topic it would seem with too much emphasis on federal law and in area that is not really enforced - topic complex and uninteresting.
Cultural Implications of Domestic Violence
Dr. Sujata Warrier
Comments:
This session was very interesting! I think it was the best session.
Dr. Warrier was very entertaining and really made you stop and think about the different cultures, etc... Funny and witty speaker!
Dr. Warrier is an amazing speaker. This is the third of fourth time I’ve heard her present and she always raises important issues.
Fantastic!
Very interesting, enjoyed very much. Excellent!
Excellent and entertaining speaker.
Made it fun and interesting. Bring her back!
Excellent!
Great!
Very interesting.
Vivacious - almost confrontational in a good way.
Excellent presenter! Very enlightening!
Very worthwhile. Enjoyed the discussion a great deal.
Super activities/direct with observation and communication.
Very thought provoking presentation - for a Yankee!
Need a longer session - two hours not enough time to explore the topic in depth.
Good speaker. Subject not very practical.
Enjoyed

Stalking Legislation
Detective Debbie Hollan
Comments:
Det. Hollan gave a different view and was very entertaining.
Detective Hollan gave a great presentation on stalking and the stalking statute.
Fantastic!
Great info.
Thanks!
Good speaker.
I learned new things from her.
Very informative!
Good speaker.
A bit over the top but good info and presentation.
Great!
Good topic.
Was to the point.
Specific and latest info on stalkers and the law.
Excellent presenter!
Very informative.
Very dynamic speaker - wish there was at least one of her in each jurisdiction - especially mine.
Good speaker and very informative on a topic which needed to be discussed.
Enjoyed

2007 Fatality Review Report
Comments:
Info was interesting.
We got this in the mail earlier in the year. Good speaker though.
Judge Anderson, who has served on the Fatality Review committee/project, did a great presentation on this important resource.
I enjoyed this speaker.
Boring as heck - too long!
Excellent
Judge Anderson is a wonderful instructor. We need her again!
Good demonstration of the consequences of failure.
Informative & startling.
Uninteresting topic - too late in the day. However, good presentation and good presenter.
D-U-L-L
Why discuss this?
Panel of Experts Including Q & A

Comments:
Great!
Good experts.
Very specific and audience friendly.
Too long - off point - questions written to panel not answered.
Too long winded. Kept getting off question.

Additional Comments:
Thank you Dr. Hanscome for once again making this learning experience enjoyable! Also, this was the first time I had been to this particular venue and it was wonderful.
I am tired of domestic violence. I hope you continue to offer judicial security classes or segments!
Love Brasstown!
This conference was so well organized and a pleasure to attend! Dr. Hanscome has an incredible ability to take care of every detail, from choosing great presenters to arranging for meals and snacks.
Please have more classes in South Georgia.
Can we change the days from Thursday and Friday to Wednesday and Thursday? So we can leave earlier than 5:00 on Friday and avoid all the traffic that goes on Friday night.
Again, wish we could start class, half day, full day, and leave at lunch last day. Only suggestion!
Excellent class and great speakers. I miss Judge Jim Thurman not being a speaker. Thanks for all you help and support.
Please try and have a better sound system for the hearing impaired. (Head Sets). Thanks
Wonderful facility - great location, friendly and helpful staff. Good info and good presenters.
Overall best training have attended in many years.
Really liked the venue; resort is a great location. Good food, good service and very quiet.
Training in handling bad check cases and ordinance violations would be useful.
This seminar and the Law & Literature Seminar are the most meaningful to me. Thank you for the effort and excellence.
Good seminar.
Great location!
Enjoyed the two days instead of two and one half days even with the additional reading requirement, hope it will continue.
Would like to have a list of all judges at seminar. Would like to have written materials on all topics, especially of all PowerPoint presentations. Would like to see a three day format where there is a morning or afternoon free. We should do this course on a cruise!
Nice facility. Would like more days with less hours per day to enjoy visit.
Excellent training program!
Topic is timely and on point - presenters were informative, knowledgeable and engaging! Facility very conducive to learning environment.
Excellent program.
Nice facility.
Enjoyed very much all the speakers!!
Good program.

Participants: 78 - Evaluations: 66
The Superior Court Judges' Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education requirement for each calendar year is 12 hours credit, which must include 1 professionalism/ethics hour, and 4 hours of juvenile credit, if the judge sits in juvenile court.

**Monday, July 28**

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<td>Child Support Guidelines: e.g., What We Know 1 Year Later About CS Modification Procedures, w/ SRLs, w/ TPOs, etc., – Hon. Bensonetta Lane*, Hon. Sheryl Jolly*, asked Judges Cindy Morris, Harry Jay Altman</td>
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2008 SUMMER SEMINAR FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES
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Grade usefulness of topics and effectiveness of speakers. Circle 1-5, with 5 greatest approval.

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Comments:
- good topic, active participation
- excellent discussion; David did a great job
- very helpful to role as judge
- no surprises from book; excellent facilitator, serious-minded on topic, open to dialogue
- David was very prepared and sensitive with his handling of participant responses
- read the book; had committee assignments all morning and unable to attend; the book is great & very informative
- very fine event; everyone needs more humanities studies
- David did a great job

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Comments:
- too elementary; not practical (Terminology 101-Medders & Alexandrou)
- Computers 101 & E-filing were lecture courses, as were email & Microsoft Word; presenters were not familiar w/ Microsoft Word 2007, they should have been before trying to instruct (Alexandrou & Medders)
- much too basic

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Comments:
- excellent!
- everyone was terrific!
- didn’t cover part of topic, i.e., no mention of ex parte communication; (Kelley & Samuel) only participated marginally, not really a factor, didn’t really need; (Milich) obviously knowledgeable, did not speak loudly enough, not his fault
- Kelley and Samuel were unnecessary distractions to Milich’s excellent (as always) presentation
- Prof. Milich makes evidence issues very accessible
- excellent! Great & innovative format; please continue to use with other topics!
- good program but trouble hearing; Milich always good
- good written materials
- SK somewhat stale; very informative
- always excellent
- informative
- did not speak on ex parte communications
- very pertinent information, well-presented
- very good
- very helpful
- good, practical & concise examples
- Milich is always excellent
- excellent–very useful information
- program was too limited and did not utilize the legal talent present
- well-presented and informative as always w/ Prof. Milich & Don Samuel
- very good
- appropriate–timely
- very good
- helpful & very interesting
- very helpful – enjoyed it
- Samuels & Milich are always worth hearing; Kelley was good

**Domestic Violence Courts**

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**Comments:**
- needed
- not too interesting for smaller counties
- good information & written material; useful topic; actual presentation a little disjointed
- very interesting
- not organized enough; too scattered – good topic, too many examples (“war stories”); need more focus
- well-presented from perspective of courts that have funded resources
- not too helpful for me

**Jury Instructions-Child Support**

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**Comments:**
- good presentation which illustrated again that nobody really knows how to calculate child support under the guidelines
- this is very helpful; good presentation!
- tough topic
- interesting – think he is wrong about some but interesting
- very helpful
- interesting re: the lawyer’s perspective
- good overall coverage – too much material too cover; obviously knowledgeable, entertaining deliver, anecdotal (good)
- needed to be more precise
- thought-provoking; opinions of speaker not necessarily correct in all respects
- enthusiastic, knowledgeable presenter
- good but very little about jury instructions
- not too helpful; didn’t keep to schedule
- he contributes to my campaign

**Accountability Courts**

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**Comments:**
- I think maybe it’s time Alcovy looked at establishing a drug court; good presentation
- this is an idea whose time has come
- good because most counties will one day have these courts
- great article!
- good presentation
- very informative
- good presentation
- quite basic
- would have been better to have a single lecturer, with power point, give a two hour talk on Accountability Courts
- never did answer the question – why can’t you hold these people accountable w/o a drug court? Castellan-confident, good facilitator; Barrett-strong opinions, over the top; Weaver, Bishop, Gosselin-altruistic
- would have liked copies of written guidelines for respective courts
- useful information
- very timely!
- I loved this! The speakers really left me fired up about doing the same thing
- very well presented; good information
- very good
### Legislative Panel

**Panelists** 4.13

**Comments:**
- I grade the panelists pretty good on presenting, but it's hard to listen to someone who has guted you in the past!
- well done and pertinent
- interesting
- gee, get involved--glad to be here--a little trite: not helpful
- worthless topic--individually & collectively, politically
- appreciate their time
- always welcome!
- I don’t know what I brought out of this, however
- very informative
- we need to give them play

### Child Support Guidelines

**Panelists** 3.98

**Comments:**
- not practical enough
- not necessarily helpful; tells us what we already know
- could not hear in back of room because panelist did not have microphones
- it was hard to hear the panelist
- only fair
- panelists should be required to use microphones
- needed more ‘concrete’ examples w/in the worksheets
- great panel & discussion
- good presentation!
- good but not my favorite topic
- needed P.A. System
- I don’t like these--but this is a good presentation
- good, but much not heard--hard to hear when panelists seated w/o amplification

### Division of Property at Divorce

**Kurk Kegel** 4.53

**Comments:**
- good speakers
- good checklist; very good useful info
- helpful
- written material excellent
- great materials; these lawyers are wonderful
- great
- well organized & well thought out
- outstanding! Would love to have all these people back again!
- another great panel & discussion
- excellent!
- very good
- very helpful and informative
- hearing good--panelists used “mikes”

### Emerging Topics: Would You Like More Coverage at Future Seminars?

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Comments:
-not much practical application
-Flanders-addresses itself to prison administrators; Boswell-state false claims act-too narrow; Schuster-the
Hague Convention-more relevant to us; Chasteen-lost on good joke, even more relevant topic
-need regular programs on ethics
-limit to one hour
-Flanders-5 venues, not worth submission to entire CSCJ; Boswell-49-4-168-not likely; Schuster-Hague
Convention-maybe/not with Irish luck; Chasteen-maybe-every once in a while
-International Child Custody – most helpful
-also more classes on interstate jurisdiction; issues on child custody
-Sullivan-maybe, rather arcane; Chasteen-1 hr at most, unlikely program is being utilized
-Whistleblower-this should be presented!!; International Child Custody-informative!!; Judicial Dist. Prof. -need
to know more!
-Whistleblower-this was an excellent topic; International Child Custody-I can’t badmouth myself

Courthouse Security 4.03
Panelists 4.15

Comments:
-excellent
-it’s obvious that some places are taking security seriously, but there remains an attitude of “it can’t happen
here” in some places
-too much back-slapping & thanking each other-introductions took longer than presentations; necessary topic
but poor format other than Q&A portion
-not very useful
-no one seemed to have been assigned specific topics
-no useful info; should just give written materials; all we learned was “everybody’s different”, woopie
-about every 5 years we need this; dynamic individuals-knowledgeable
-too many people; I didn’t learn anything!
-nothing said of substance for 2 hours
-well presented, very useful
-could have been 1 hr
-sheriffs were good panelists
-outstanding; please repeat yearly
-getting tired of this topic
-important issue--informative--very timely, professional advice
-good

Family Law Update 4.52
Bill Sams 4.51

Comments:
-good presentation of a very useful subject!
-good job
-we need the subject, but John Lyndon or Carol Clark should do it
-useful
-very good
-jumped around some
-very good
-always terrific
-very good
-outstanding, outstanding
-outstanding!
-I thought this fellow knew his stuff
-excellent as usual
-very good, helpful
-Bill is a yearly must hear
Adoption Law Update

Jim Outman

Comments:
- his perspective limited—less time on his accomplishments and our perceived shortcomings—more on law—written materials helpful
- bit disorganized
- always good
- interesting & useful
- very thorough

Legislative Update

Sewell Brumby

Comments:
- typical Sewell
- very useful
- nice to have this overview
- always good
- excellent—always
- need more details in written material
- as always, good job w/ dry material

Criminal Update

Paula Smith

Ben Studdard

Jimmy Berry

Comments:
- great
- very useful
- excellent—very, very useful— as usual
- thanks for the habeas update, quite timely
- (Smith) she is always great; concise, organized & presents well; (Studdard) always helpful material!
- (Berry) very good as usual
- always well presented and pertinent
- always very helpful
- excellent as always
- excellent—always
- excellent materials & presentation
- there is none better
- always appropriate & interesting
- OK

Please indicate any other topics you would like presented.
- more time for Evidence
  - 1) creative approaches for dealing w/ pro se litigants in family law arena; 2) pro se criminal defendants / “choice of lawyers” by indigent defendants
  - 1) the panel discussions were not as effective because the panelists seemed not to have specific topics; 2) the tables are cumbersome, but having a place to put books is good; 3) I support shortening this meeting (and winter mtg) by ½ day or a whole day
  - have evidence professor review basic evidence (not necessarily new cases) for a 3 hour session; judges get reversed more often on evidence issues than any other error
  - more security topics
  - more on interstate and intrastate jurisdiction issues for child custody—more detailed child support training using problems not general discussion by judges
  - TPO’s—sentencing guidelines—practical tips on managing a courtroom
  - 1) judicial professionalism—guide to drafting effective orders; 2) judicial professionalism—suggestions for managing chief judge responsibilities; 3) reviewing requests for funds in criminal cases—standards & procedures

Additional Comments:
- is there any possibility of ending closer to check out time or maybe a little before? Thanks!
- note regarding facilities: the seminar room set-up was really bad; it was extraordinarily cramped, with bad
  sight lines if you were on the wrong side of a table; I suggest long row of tables if we can only afford 1 set-up

* 93 evaluations returned out of 212 attendees *
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Security & Crime Prevention  4.59
Commander A. J. Gwyn  4.60

Comments:
Excellent speaker, very informative and never lost my interest - could have even spoken longer. Please consider scheduling him for clerk’s training.
Excellent speaker and interesting topic.
Content was good and presentation effective. I was a little put off by the sales pitch.
I guess he is “ok” and seemed to be well received by others. I personally did not like him selling his products after the presentation.
Excellent and different.
Very informative.
Very good stuff!!
Pretty good infomercial.
Excellent
This was one of the best classes I have been in. Learned a lot of good information for my family.
Clear, precise, very informative and current.
Thank you! Thanks for making products available.

Attorney Cheryl Custer (AOC)  4.54

Comments:
Information was very informative - judges would have benefitted more if the unit was a little longer.
Timely topic during election cycle. Mrs. Custer should be permitted more time to discuss JQC - maybe separate program.
We are fortunate to have her come speak to us. She is very interesting and is informative. Please thank her for speaking.
Very strong and good presentation!!
Cheryl is awesome.
Always enjoy. She makes you rethink what you have done. Always feel guilty of something.
Didn’t learn anything much different.
Good reminders!

Magistrate Council & Technology Update  4.11
Judge Betsy Kidwell  3.99

Comments:
Did not seem to be very prepared - was all over the place. Needs work.
Good info to know.
This was very useful information. We are in need of this service and need to continue to let all magistrates know of this website.
Good job. Very informative.
Not worth the time.
The council should “spread the word” about the enhanced website. Very useful.
Very informative.
Knew her subject and was interesting however; presentation was somewhat lacking.

Legislative Updates  4.70
Judge Dave Wood  4.62

Comments:
Jumped around too much and talked about some bills that didn’t effect magistrates.
Best part of the course. Good synopsis of cases and engaging presentation.
Always knowledgeable and entertaining.
He does an outstanding job, as always.
He can make it interesting and fun.
Excellent!
Very good as always.
Informative - entertaining as always!
Always a good presenter.
Domestic Violence-Issues & Perspectives  4.26
Claudia Barnes, Judicial Assistant  4.31
Comments:
Wonderful speaker, more information from Judge Warden would have been a great supplement.
Not rated - very impressive lady. Despite present tragedy willing to give back.
Sympathy is due - however, some of the basics of the DV could have been dealt with.
WOW - Good.
Sad
Very thought provoking.
Lots of pathos.
Didn't bring out any new issues but was concise.

JQC & You  4.28
Judge James Thurman  4.26
Comments:
Course could be improved by using co-teaching method (Judge Thurman & Cheryl Custer together). Although interesting, Judge Thurman really only focused on his own problems with the JQC.
I would not make one person's experience a whole section of training.
Great topic and good story teller. I'm not sure how much was learned about handling JQC complaints.
Cheryl Custer should have been here to answer some of the other judge's questions.
The more we know about the JQC and better understand how we can get in trouble the better we can operate in a professional manner.
Sheer entertainment!
Great perspective.
Too long.
Helpful
Earthly and interesting presentation.
There was no substance to this at all. While Judge Thurman is entertaining, this is not really a forum for his less than unique "war" stories.
Brought out some things I didn't realize.
Very good.
Judge Thurman is great.
Always enjoy Judge Thurman.

You're in Contempt!  4.43
Judge Andrew Lewis  4.26
Comments:
Speaker did not seem very well prepared. I do believe that this a very important topic - just not delivered well.
Good topic and coverage of a difficult procedural issue. Speaker was well prepared and good visuals.
Very organized. He is extremely knowledgeable and his presentation good.
Good - Very well prepared and presented.
A little scatter.
Would like to have two hours it's helpful. Contempt authority not often exercised but judges need to know procedures.
Speaker seem to know subject; however, speaker too fast and nothing new brought out.
Good stuff.

Introduction to Mediation  4.50
Judge Andrew Lewis  4.50
Comments:  - None

Issues for Small Court Jurisdictions  4.67
Judge James Thurman  4.74
Comments:
Great class, presented well. Group collaboration was also good.
Effective and engaging discussion of issues effecting magistrates in small counties. Speaker offers experiences and solutions.
Insightful - Very informative, humorously and well presented.
Very good. Love Judge Thurman - my favorite speaker.
Good topic.
Problems addressed no definitive solutions to problem issues.
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<td>Excellent presentation skills. She engages the group to think and discuss how they apply the law.</td>
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<td>We have attorneys and non-attorneys - we need to be understanding of this some inappropriate “put downs” occurred.</td>
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<td>Nice exchange of ideas; Good panel.</td>
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<td>Too much talking by audience during presentations. Can’t hear some questions and speaker doesn’t repeat question.</td>
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<td>You should have at least one non-attorney magistrate on your panel.</td>
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<td>Lynda, please take into consideration what others may need to do during the twenty minute break on the last day of a session. That five minutes could make a difference - you can come and go as you please - we are certifying our attendance.</td>
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<td>Overall, a good seminar.</td>
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<td>Very good program; excellent venue; lowering temp was so cold it almost made me ill!</td>
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<td>I like this conference site! The food has been excellent!</td>
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<td>I think we need to get a bankrupt expert like Kelley &amp; Lovett to explain the laws of the bankruptcies.</td>
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<td>This was a very good school and I learned a lot out of these classes. Thank you Lynda for all you do.</td>
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<td>Loved the breakout sessions!!!</td>
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<td>I appreciate having the course on Issues for Small Court Jurisdictions. It was very interesting and informative and now I have a network of judges that share similar issues/problems. I hope this becomes a part of our training sessions.</td>
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<td>Hotel was clean - but no refrigerator in room. Peachtree City - hard to get to from southern part of state.</td>
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<td>And outstanding session. BRAVO!</td>
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<td>Great seminar. I was just too cold to enjoy it.</td>
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<td>Classrooms were too cold!</td>
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<td>Thank you for warming up the room. I was very cold the first day. I will be better prepared the next time, I’ll bring a coat.</td>
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<td>I feel that there was a lack of respect for the speakers, when people are talking and reading newspapers.</td>
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PROBATE COURT JUDGES' SUMMER TRAFFIC SEMINAR
AUGUST 11-13, 2008, KING & PRINCE HOTEL, ST. SIMONS ISLAND

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 - (4 ½ Hours, Traffic Training)

12:30-1:30 COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES (CDL'S)
- Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel, Director, Legal Services Division, DDS

1:30-2:00 ENDURING REGRET: CHRIS SANDY'S STORY OF LIVING LIFE AFTER CAUSING DEATH - VIDEO

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15-4:15 SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES
- Judge Edward Carriere, State Court, DeKalb Co., Municipal Court, City of Decatur

4:15-5:15 Q & A WITH MS. AMMONS AND JUDGE CARRIERE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - (2 Tracks to Choose From)

TRAFFIC TRACK - (4 ½ Hours)

8:00-9:00 UNDER 21
- Ms. Jennifer Ammons, DDS

9:00-10:00 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- Ms. Jennifer Ammons, DDS

10:00-12:30 SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES, continued
- Judge Edward Carriere

PROBATE TRACK - (3 Hours)

9:00 -noon COAG Joint Training

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 - (3 Hours, Probate Training)

9:00-noon PROBATE TRAINING
- Hon. Lillis Brown, Rockdale County Probate Court
- Hon. Lynwood Jordan, Forsyth County Probate Court

ICJE adopted the following classroom guidelines: The 4 Cs
1. Children are not to be in the meeting room;
2. Cellular phones are to be silenced;
3. Conversation should be kept to a minimum;
4. Clothing should be appropriate for a judicial member.

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AUGUST 11 - 13, 2008

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MONDAY, AUGUST 11

1. COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES
   Usefulness of topic 4.75
   Ms. Jennifer Ammons
   Presentation by the speaker 4.85

   Comments:
   - have Ms. Ammons again; good speaker; knows her stuff

2. ENDURING REGRET - VIDEO
   Usefulness of topic 4.80

   Comments:
   - I want a copy
   - I would like a copy of video
   - pls let us know how to obtain a copy

3. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES
   Usefulness of topic 4.67
   Judge Edward Carriere
   Presentation by the speaker 4.57

   Comments:
   - good speaker
   - very eloquent, engaging speaker!
   - did not seem to know what PJ did – asked more questions than he made statements – not helpful

4. Q & A
   Usefulness of topic 4.79
   Ms. Jennifer Ammons
   Presentation by the speaker 4.74
   Judge Edward Carriere
   Presentation by the speaker 4.78

   Comments:
   - very informative

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - TRAFFIC TRACK

1. UNDER 21
   Usefulness of topic 4.95
   Ms. Jennifer Ammons
   Presentation by the speaker 4.95

   Comments:
   (no comments given)

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
   Usefulness of topic 4.75
   Ms. Jennifer Ammons
   Presentation by the speaker 4.90

   Comments:
   - not enough time

3. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES, cont.
   Usefulness of topic 4.95
   Judge Edward Carriere
   Presentation by the speaker 4.90

   Comments:
   (no comments given)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - PROBATE TRACK

1. COAG JOINT TRAINING
   Usefulness of topic 5.00
   TBA
   Presentation by the speaker 5.00

Comments:
(no comments given)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

1. PROBATE TRAINING
   Usefulness of topic 4.90
   Judge Lillis Brown
   Presentation by the speaker 4.90
   Judge Woody Jordan
   Presentation by the speaker 4.90

Comments:
-excellent! Subject & speaker

Your ideas are important. Please be candid and suggest other topics you feel would be helpful and informative.
-traffic training with only Probate Judges is much more beneficial than training with Municipal Judges; I like the bound book!
-it seems somehow at too many of our sessions these days that legislative update – new things we really need – get rushed through; don’t get enough time allotted or something; to me this type of update is critical to what we do & I wish we could slow it down a bit & cover it more thoroughly
-Jennifer Ammons is an excellent speaker; very informative; great traffic seminar!
-more time for legislative update for traffic court
-re: Ms. Ammons – we should always have counsel for DDS do these presentations–so much better than a liaison person—all 5's for her
-get a probate judge that handles traffic to facilitate the next traffic conference concerning serious violations

Additional Comments:
-develop gaprobate.org as soon as possible; this is a great tool; the videos could be useful for the public as well as the staff
-like the King & Prince; very nice facilities; do wish we could go back to June or July so more families–children–could come–is so much fun with them

* 21 evaluations returned out of 40 attendees *
PROBATE COURT CLERKS
August 20 - 22, 2008 - The Ridges Resort & Club, Hiawassee

Wednesday, August 20  (4 Hours)
12:00 - 1:00  Registration
1:00 - 1:50  FIREARMS: Georgia Laws, Procedures, Forms
*  Hon. Tammy Brown, Barrow County Probate Court
1:50 - 2:00  Stretch Break
2:00 - 2:50  FIREARMS, continued
2:50 - 3:10  Refreshment Break
3:10 - 4:00  FIREARMS: Criminal Histories, New CCH Database, GCIC's Role
*  Ms. Christina Watts, Customer Support Representative, GCIC
4:00 - 4:10  Stretch Break
4:10 - 5:00  FIREARMS, continued

Thursday, August 21  (7 Hours)
8:00 - 8:50  GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PEERS
*  Ms. Sherry Carson, Program Manager, ICJE
8:50 - 9:00  Stretch Break
9:00 - 9:50  GUARDIANSHIPS: Temporary, Testamentary & Standby
*  Hon. Darin McCoy, Evans County Probate Court
9:50 - 10:10  Refreshment Break
10:10 - 11:00  GUARDIANSHIPS, continued
11:00 - 11:10  Stretch Break
11:10 - Noon  ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES, COUNSELING & CEREMONIES
*  Hon. Darin McCoy, Evans County Probate Court
12:00 - 1:00  Lunch
1:00 - 1:50  INTESTACY: Determination of Heirs; Alleged Illegitimate Children; and Administration Proceedings & Notice
*  Hon. William Self, Bibb County Probate Court
1:50 - 2:00  Break
2:00 - 2:50  INTESTACY, continued
2:50 - 3:10  Refreshment Break
3:10 - 4:00  INTESTACY, continued

Friday, August 22  (4 Hours)
8:00 - 8:50  IMMIGRATION 101
8:50 - 9:00  Stretch Break
9:00 - 9:50  TESTACY: Common & Solemn Form Probate; Administration with Will Annexed; Notice; Letters
9:50 - 10:10  Refreshment Break
10:10 - 11:00  TESTACY, continued
11:00 - 11:10  Stretch Break
11:10 - Noon  TESTACY, continued
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<td>- I always enjoy Judge Brown</td>
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<td>- it's good to know that we have access to GBI - GCIC for whatever questions we might have</td>
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<td>- interesting and informative</td>
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<td>- enjoyed this a lot! Liked meeting a bigger group instead of just meeting &amp; learning about 1 person</td>
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<td>- lots of fun!</td>
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<td>- it is always good to meet new and interesting people; it would be nice for all of us to be more open to getting to know each other better</td>
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<td>- really enjoyed to get to know everybody; I think that it was a good job to let everyone get up and talk to new clerks</td>
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complete & fun
-reading material–too much reading
-need more powerpoint–less reading
-excellent handout materials
-a lot of information on this topic; but great job
-guardianships are so abundant in our court; it would be great for parents to be more responsible; grandparents are taking on responsibilities of their children's children; it's good to hear the problems other courts have
-explains issues very well
-very good speaker; great information
-good info—very informative

3. Issuance of Marriage Licenses, Counseling & Ceremonies
   Usefulness of topic 4.80
   Hon. Darin McCoy
   Presentation by the speaker 4.78

Comments:
-great!
-too much reading
-great job!
-Darin is an excellent presenter! Enjoyable presentation
-always good
-very enjoyable & informative; Judge McCoy is very down to earth & gave a great presentation
-very helpful, well presented, knowledgeable
-Judge McCoy is a good speaker–keeps it interesting

4. Intestacy
   Usefulness of topic 4.91
   Hon. William Self
   Presentation by the speaker 4.87

Comments:
-good information & paperwork
-always enjoy Judge Self—very well spoken
-good
-good handout material; I like the checklists
-I think that he done a good job
-give him a (10) — Judge Self is a very good speaker and I feel I get a lot out of his
-enjoyed Judge Self tremendously; subject was very enlightening
-I really enjoyed listening to Judge Self
-Bill Self is so thorough and knowledgeable he could teach law; enjoyable presentation
-informative–great presentation! Judge Self is very entertaining
-always very informative; never boring
-well done!

Friday, August 22
1. Immigration 101
   Usefulness of topic 4.67
   Ms. Lina Hernandez
   Presentation by the speaker 4.70

Comments:
-enjoyed speaker very much
-great job
-favorite speaker—she was full of useful information; I hope she can speak at future trainings
-great information; would like more informative programs like this one
-no such thing as International Drivers Lic.
-very helpful!
-with this part of the seminar, she needed more time! Very informative—hope to get some illegals deported!
-very useful information; need more discussions on this topic each year at seminars

2. Testacy
   Usefulness of topic 4.68
   Hon. Susan Tate
   Presentation by the speaker 4.43
   Ms. Sherry Moore
   Presentation by the speaker 4.70

Comments:
-very good
-while I know Judge Tate is an extremely intelligent woman and I’m sure a great judge—she is not a great
teacher—seems a little lost in her presentation—enjoyed clerk; judge got better as it went along
-great handouts
-very informative & useful
-I think Sherry done a great job
-Judge Tate is hard to understand, she is so sweet
-liked the last 15 min better than the rest of the session; loved question/answer
-enjoyed the ideas of other courts; appreciate the forms
-I’m sorry but Judge Tate seemed “out of it”
-I really enjoy it!

Your ideas are important. Please be candid and suggest other topics you feel would be helpful and
informative.
-class about what happens when people do not file their annual returns or file incorrect returns—process of
notice, hearing, removal of conservator, etc; would like classes on the out of the ordinary things filed in probate
courts, i.e., fireworks permits, etc; would enjoy a question and answer session with 2 or 3 different judges
present—all topics
-I think outlines for each session would be helpful
-new clerks are in minority, of course, but some basic explanation of terms, procedures, etc, would be helpful; a
course for just new clerks?
-appointing conservators of minors & or adults; reporting—annual ret. & such
-amending birth certificate and delayed birth certificate
-adult guardianships; lay affidavit; conservatorships; inventories/returns/bonds
-we need misc. question/answer session @ least 2 hrs where we could bring in “problem petitions” and
“problem firearms” to talk about; also—separate training need for new clerks and maybe some role play sessions
to better train us in how to diffuse situations and/or how much info is too much info; maybe some “small”
group break out session would be helpful for new & veteran clerks
-immigration 101—most informative!
-firearms should be ongoing education each yr; is there anything on birth & death education? I don’t think all
officers handle these records
-more on LiveScan and gun permits
-more time on firearms
-what happened to traffic?
-please more on illegal immigration
-more about immigration laws; more question and answer time for clerks just to ask general things instead of
just about the topic being discussed; it would be nice to have one of the local sheriffs from one of our large
counties with large immigrant population to come and speak with us; it would be nice to hear at our seminars
some of the issues currently before our legislature that pertains to probate court

Additional Comments:
-none of this was boring—the speakers were good & informative & timely!
-love, love, love the Ridges Resort—thank you Sherry for all you do
-start classes at 9:00
-loved the Ridges, rooms very nice, staff very courteous, enjoyed the lunch & snacks
-optional group activities after hours might be nice; good variety of topics, excellent presenters; not all topics
pertinent to small county but still interesting
-great seminar—thanks for going to bat for us Sherry as far as budget cuts go; you’re the best!
-Macadamian cookies were great!
-a few treats for diabetics would be nice
-Sherry, you did a great job as usual! The lunch was a little dry, cheese cake was great
-Sherry, you do a fantastic job trying to satisfy so many women all at once; thank you for your dedication
-great
-continue this seminar to assist clerks in training; beautiful location, very nice
-good! Thanks Sherry
-I enjoy the classes here in Hiawassee
-I love sweet tea! Great cookies on break and popcorn!
-3 hours on one topic is way too long! Testacy and intestacy—topic not that interesting
-very helpful; enjoyed all classes
-it would be helpful if handouts were numbered and speaker referred to page # during presentation
-enjoyed the classes—enjoyed the Ridges Resort

* 64 evaluations returned out of 78 attendees *
# 40-Hour Civil Basic Certification Program

**Non-Attorney Magistrates**  
**Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**  
**Sept. 7-12, 2008, Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA**

- 4-6  
  Introduction to Civil Bench Book  
  H. Fry
- 7-9  
  Legal Terminology  
  R. Faber

## Mon. Sept. 8, 2008
- 8-10  
  Conducting Legal Research  
  J. Donovan
- 10-12 noon  
  Disability Issues in the Courtroom  
  M. Galifianakis
- 1-3  
  Bench Trial Skills for new Judges (videos)  
  L. Hanscome
- 3-5  
  Group Discussion from Videos

## Tues., Sept. 9, 2008
- 8-10  
  JQC and the New Magistrate  
  C. Custer
- 10-Noon  
  Civil Basics—Workshop  
  J. Warren
- 1-5  
  Civil Basics—Workshop...continued  
  J. Warren

## Wed. Sept. 10, 2008
- 8-10  
  Administrative Requirements & Prof.  
  H. Fry
- 10-12  
  Attorney Fees  
  S. Geeter
- 1-5  
  Landlord/Tenant Issues  
  L. Levenson,  
  B. Dawkins  
  S. Geeter

## Thurs. Sept. 11, 2008 (ELO Dean Rusk)
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* Judge Fry is also Instructor at Large from 1-5 p.m.

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EVALUATION

Civil Basic Course for New, Non-Attorney Magistrates
September 7 - 12, 2008 - Georgia Center - Athens, Georgia

Introduction to Civil Bench Book
Judge Harvey Fry

Comments:
Judge Fry impressed me by stepping in and giving an excellent presentation. The bench book proves to be a great tool. Enjoyed!
Very patient and knowledgeable.
Handles everything like it is no problem.
Judge Harvey Fry very dry speaker while in front of class - Much more at ease during breaks.

Legal Terminology
Judge Rick Faber

Comments:
Great speaker. Answered questions very well and gave good examples.
Good class interaction and discussion.
Enjoyed!
Very informative, would like a little more in depth with more terms used in courtroom.
Very interesting speaker. He needs to better organize the PowerPoint. The way he does it he repeats sooo much material two and three times. Very dynamic speaker.

Conducting Legal Research
Dr. James Donovan

Comments:
Dr. Donovan told me himself that this was a very dry subject, but it is needed in our line of work. I thought he did a great job and he knows his stuff. Good!
OK, just not my favorite aspect, but did a good job. He enjoys his topic and it shows. He needs to be able to relate this topic to the magistrate court.
Great Exercise!

Disability Issues in the Courtroom
Attorney/Director Mike Galifiankis

Comments:
I was surprised at how many different situations that we may encounter in court. The presentation was excellent.
Interesting
Demonstration by interpreter extremely effective!
Exceptional information and presentation!
Good!
Words couldn’t tell how touching this was, just had to feel it. Awesome both of them!
My first intro to ADA - very interesting and thought provoking.
WOW! I’m shocked but I really enjoyed this. I never knew what my role as a judicial officer may be with referral to ADA. It kind of scares me. This is great info with excellent instructors.

Bench Trial Skills for New Judges
Dr. Lynda Hanscome

Comments:
The videos were very helpful in showing someone as myself what to expect while on the bench. Good
Good teaching tools.
Will miss you!
Very good, the videos are a great teaching method.
Always good to watch and learn at the same time. Keep it up.
Discussion was helpful but not to trial skills.
First video was ok - Second was terrible. This section should be later in the week and should serve to show common practices on the bench. It should be taught along with all the JQC and Admin/Prof. Sections. The videos were not helpful in “Bench Trial Skills”. We need more of this in a real setting. A ELO to a courtroom might prove helpful.
JQC & the New Magistrate  5.00  
Attorney/Director Cheryl Custer  5.00  
Comments:  
This was great. She is a wonderful speaker and I believe the topics discussed needed to be heard.  
No one is above the law! Not even us.  
Could have listened all day! Great lesson!  
I liked her.  
Scary, entertaining and helpful.  
Good! Need to know!  
Absolutely loved her. She is an inspiration. Has so much power, but doesn’t let it show.  
Told us the facts and kept us interested the entire time.  
Good speaker - holds attention.  
WOW - Great info. - Great speaker. I would like to have the JQC rules in front of me when she speaks.

Civil Basics-Workshop  4.83  
Attorney Johnny Warren  4.92  
Comments:  
I was amazed at how Judge Warren could “quote” code sections and cite cases off the top of his head.  
He was a wonderful speaker and the material was interesting.  
I liked him!  
Very Good.  
Enjoyed!  
Great help.  
Excellent - wish he could have covered more, but exceptional teaching.  
A nice guy, but ... He didn’t deepen the well when he had the chance. Several times when a student asked a question and was told, “We’ll be getting to that” - well we never did. He didn’t have an outline for us so it made it difficult to follow.

Administrative Requirements  4.67 & Prof.  4.77  
Judge Harvey Fry  4.77  
Comments:  
Judge Fry does a great job. I have a lot of respect for him. He is truly dedicated to his profession.  
Very Good.  
Enjoyed!  
Just love Judge Fry. I like his honesty.  
This section needs to be on day one of Basic and it should be taught around (after) JQC.  
Need to cover use of robe.  
Judge Fry’s a wonderful instructor.

Attorney’s Fees  4.77  
Judge Shane Geeter  4.62  
Comments:  
I learned some things today that I was not aware of at all. Very good information.  
Enjoyed!  
Learned a lot!  
Never thought this would be interesting but is was. It would have been helpful to have PowerPoint.

Landlord/Tenant Issues  5.00  
Judge Louis Levenson  5.00  
Attorney William Dawkins  4.77  
Judge Shane Geeter  4.62  
Comments:  
I loved the way the three demonstrated this issue. All of the different situations placed before the class were very helpful in understanding this issue.  
Judge Levenson was captivating.  
I liked them.  
Excellent!  
Enjoyed!  
Judge Levenson is awesome. Wish he specialized in more than Landlord/Tenant. Hope he continues to educate.  
Again, WOW! These guys are great. This was better than the civil session because of the varied opinions.  
I like the way this session was presented!
The Role of Judge in Civil Proceedings
Judge Harvey Fry

Comments:
I thought that Judge Fry did an excellent job in preparing us all for the next session.
Very informative.
Great!
Enjoyed Judge Fry!
Wonderful instructor. Love his teaching methods and the way he makes you so comfortable.
Very well organized and most helpful to the participants.
Extremely helpful.
WOW, again! This should be mandatory as a part of civil, criminal and then be a mandatory three day mock proceeding workshop. You should have to do at least one FA, one Prelim, one Dispossery and one Statement.

Student Practice: Hearing Civil Cases

Comments:
This was a great learning experience. I am so glad that this practice was part of the training.
Judge Fry is great.
Very helpful.
Excellent practice exercise. We could use an entire day on this to provide time for additional practice.
Need more of - It was Great!
Everyone dreaded this, but, I feel this was very informative and was an excellent way to learn.
Very well organized!
Didn’t look forward for the role playing, but I am glad that I did it. Very beneficial for first time judge.
This is a vital area for new judges. This type activity must be required for certification. Law Enforcement is required to show an experienced proficiency in certain areas. This should be the norm for our judicial officers as well.

Debriefing & Do’s & Don’ts

Comments:
We as judges need to make sure that we remember that the general public are not familiar with legal terms.
We also need to keep our instructions as simple and brief as possible to the parties and to also speak slowly.
Excellent! Great platform for discussions.
Good!
Everyone gave constructive comments and we learned from our mistakes. Anything can happen.
Very, (in fact, the most) important thing we did!

Abandoned Motor Vehicles
Judge Al Willis

Comments:
Judge Willis presented this topic well. Complicated topic.
Good! Needed!
Something we need, but so boring - Sorry.
Good info and well presented!

Title 15, Chapter 10
Judge Jeff Davis

Comments:
Not the most interesting topic, but needed.
Great, love how he is so dedicated at a young age. That’s what it takes.
This should be presented at the very beginning of the week.
The info was glossed over and several things this instructor said are in direct conflict with what the code section says.

Council Magistrate Court Judges
Judge Al Willis

Comments:
Helpful in learning about the council and all of the good work it does for us.
Knows his stuff. Good, but goes a little too in depth.
This was toooo much info for the one hour. The room was hot and the instructor was very long winded.
I reviewed the material last night and it is great info but I couldn’t listen.

Appeals
Judge Pete Pfeiffer

Comments
I knew very little about appeals prior to this class. Good information.
Appeals we need, but the Certiorari is not much needed. Most courts don’t deal with these.
The beginning of this info repeats the same info we’ve heard all week.
The instructor is very knowledgeable.
Judge Monica Ewing  

**Comments:**
Helpful in showing me how to deal with this from the bench! Also how to offer aid without offering advice. She is extremely professional and knowledgeable!  
Very good.  
Excellent speaker.  
Well presented!  
Loved her - wonderful teacher.  
Very good.  
A great deal of this material if for criminal, but, it is a **GREAT** presentation.

**Cultural Competence**  
Judge Monica Ewing  

**Comments:**
Great info on how not to make assumptions.  
Captivating!  
Very Good - Gives you something to think about.  
Great Presentation!  
Just Great.  
Could be done in twenty minutes.

**Additional Comments:**
I have been in law enforcement for twenty-two years and have had many - many hours of education in the fields of communications, court services, patrol, supervision, investigations and administration. I can honestly say that I have learned more this week than I have my entire twenty-two years of being an officer of the law. The instructors were the best of the best in my opinion. Judge Fry was wonderful! I look forward to February "09".  
Having Judge Fry in the class all week was wonderful! He added an additional view to the discussions and another level of expertise.  
I really had a Great Time! I needed all classes!  
All the courses were very informative and educational. A great week!  
Thanks to Dr. Lynda and Jean for your time and assistance. You are so helpful and kind.  
Excellent training. ICJE and all the speakers did a great job. It was a long, tiresome but productive session. I think garnishments should have been covered more in depth. Johnny Warren would have been good at this or Judge Fry. It was touched on but more would be better.  
Thanks to the staff for organizing a great training seminar. I have now attended both forty hour sessions and found both to have been very helpful.  
First of all I would like to commend Dr. Hanscome and her staff for a very well organized job. I commend each of the speakers for their time, effort and the knowledge they put forth in order for me to become a better Magistrate Judge.  
At criminal, can we get PAC to come in and speak about role of DA/SG in magistrate court?  
The Dean Rusk Courtroom should not be used as a classroom. It was hot and you had to turn sideways to see PowerPoint. Did I mention it was hot?  
If we have a large criminal class lets split into small groups.

**Participants: 13  Evaluations: 13**
Thursday, September 11

8:00-8:50  Criminal Procedures Update - Hon. Hammond Law
8:50-9:00  Stretch Break
9:00-9:50  Criminal Procedures Update (Continued)
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break
10:10-11:00 Criminal Procedures Update (Continued)
11:00-11:10 Stretch Break

11:10-noon  Mental Health Court - Hon. Winston Bethel

Noon-1:00  Group Lunch

1:00-1:50  DDS Update - Hon. Maurice Hilliard & DDS Panelists
1:50-2:00  Stretch Break
2:00-2:50  DDS Update (Continued)
2:50-3:10  Refreshment Break

3:10-4:00  Dispositional Alternatives - Hon. Antone Allison
4:00-4:10  Stretch Break
4:10-5:00  Dispositional Alternatives continued

Friday, September 12

8:00-8:50  TLC (Teens Learning Control) Program - Hon. Crystal Gaines
8:50-9:00  Stretch Break
9:00-9:50  Probation Conditions & Revocation Hearings - Hon. Tim Wolfe
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break

10:10-11:00 Evidence - Hon. Philip Smith
11:00-11:10 Stretch Break
11:10-noon Evidence (Continued)
12 Hour Recertification for Municipal Court Judges  
Sept. 11-12, 2008, GA Center, Athens

Evaluate usefulness of topics and speakers’ effectiveness by circling 1 to 5, with 5 being greatest approval.

Criminal Procedure Update  4.31
Hammond Law  4.16

Comments:
-great presentation
-good job
-made boring info entertaining
-excellent
-very good
-talking 3 hrs is hard duty
-very interesting, but w/o materials to review beforehand, it would help to follow materials closer
-law (case law) handout excellent
-when you have this much excellent material the speaker could at least let us know where he is
-confusing without time to read the material
-not as good as Andy Mickle, but more useful area of criminal procedure for our (municipal) court (we don’t do warrants & a lot of Andy’s talks in the past have been about warrants)
-very good materials & presentation
-excellent
-knowledgeable but a little dry
-great information (would help to refer to page #’s)
-good speaker—need to tie discussion to cases & material

Mental Health Court  3.68
Winston Bethel  4.12

Comments:
-very good
-great speaker
-excellent
-funny guy—material a complete waste
-good speaker
-good
-program was very well done just not very useful for municipal
-this is needed—often overlooked
-real good
-great delivery & good explanation of therapeutic jurisprudence
-maybe provide case studies showing what has worked and what has not

DDS Update  3.87
DDS Personnel  3.54
Maurice Hilliard  4.29

Comments:
-very helpful!
-excellent
-this session, especially Q and A would be more effective if it lasted for at least two hours
-DDS lady was a joke
-DDS is separate from court; not a “highest level” concern to administration of court itself (although important to administration of “fairness”)
-material was presented “too fast for conditions”
-I have put on every evaluation for many years, that DDS needs additional time; this was a prime example; not enough time! (I have been in office 24 yrs)
-this is the most important topic of the seminar for my court, and the worst presentation of the subject I have witnessed in 17 years on the bench; the staff were polite, etc, but could not answer our important questions about recent changes in the law; in the past, this has been the most relevant portion of the seminar for me
-many more slides than in material & personnel unwilling to comment about further info requested
-this continues to waste time; while it should be the most important part and well prepared, DDS never does / never is
-too many slides, too little time, too much information, too quickly presented
-great moderator
-answers to key problems (eg DUI law changes) unclear—I was hoping for something more in depth or concrete
-need better coordination speaker with materials
-DDS update: I can’t believe that I heard “hold all questions till the second hour”; this was done in a way to
almost be condescending; it would make a whole lot more sense to take questions as you go along; it would be
much more productive and certainly wouldn’t make people feel like a child

Dispositional Alternatives  4.06

Antone Allison  4.10

Comments:
-very good
-always great
-this presenter is living in a “dream world”; he should not even be a judge
-excellent
-some great ideas!
-very good
-always good speaker
-a judge with a responsible heart
-thought provoking
-very good
-good
-I have heard it 3x
-nice war stories
-very good!
-good
-innovative & entertaining
-always open to ways of change—thanks for a great session
-very good discussion

Teens Learning Control  4.10

Crystal Gaines  4.35

Comments:
-very informative
-excellent
-very good presentation
-good
-great!
-very interesting topic—program very well thought out—I will begin using these ideas in my jurisdiction
-excellent segment & presentation
-outstanding, informative
-good stuff!
-limited programs available in small counties and municipalities

Probation, Revocation...  4.49

Tim Wolfe  4.50

Comments:
-did well w/ a technical subject
-excellent
-very good
-excellent presentation
-substantive
-outstanding topic & speaker
-very well-prepared
-very good paper & presentation
-concise, good
-excellent, esp re rt / counsel & revoc’ns; should be 2 hrs
-nice job; need two hours!
very good
I learned that I have major errors in my court re right to counsel in probation revocation; 2) also problems with revocation of probation for failure to pay; 3) defendant has right to appeal probation revocation ruling

Evidence

Phil Smith

Comments:
excellent
-very good
-substantive and thought provoking; loved the discussion problems
-good but have clearer answers!
-interesting
-very good & helpful discussion
-very very good segment
-useful topic but dry presenter
-maybe break out into groups & give "answers" or explain on separate sheet; too many prior defense lawyers presenters who too quickly revert to such
-good exercise
-difficult to match facts and law on narrow precedents

Additional comments and feedback:
those of us who are new would like some info on courtroom procedure; as an example: officers presenting cards or evidence they are qualified to use radar equipt; I had no idea there was such a card until I got a call from another judge that an officer who just left us & went to his court was not certified & never had been; should we go back & refund all fines? Anyway, a lecture on the basics would help us newbies
good job—but couldn’t we do it in one day? — Hobie Jones #398535, MCJ since 1993
give DDS at least ½ day of time
-a DDS rep should always be invited to answer questions & attempt to have some rapport and open communication with DDS; always have case law expert & new statute law expert or report
-more info from DDS would be very helpful; round table discussion from judges regarding their interpretation of the sentencing requirements for serious driving offenses & other “high & aggravated” misdemeanors; more discussions about evidence & hearsay would be great; more info from DDS about suspensions & re-instatement of drivers’ licenses would be wonderful
-topic: other issues in your simple ticket case, alcohol & drug abuse, child welfare, adult protective services, crisis intervention, code cases referred to engineer for structure; maybe an hour presentation; Stephen Ott
-Judge Hilliard was fine, but the well intentioned DDS person crammed too much info in too short a period at times and my old brain couldn’t keep up
terrible acoustics, too cold, microphone problems
-microphone & speaker system could be much better—the bumping, scratching, etc gives me a headache!
-Ham Law gave good discussion—but did not mention the cases (name) that he was talking about or # page in materials
-ascertaining law and facts is easy; need more program time on punishment for defendant with capacity problems: dumb, poor, sensitive (student), possible mental illness or addiction and defendant pleads guilty; large fines, jail, inability to pay, loss of job with no drivers license and no opportunity for background help
- I don’t know how to solve this, but there must be more accountability with regards to attendance; I know some of the people who left early didn’t need all the hours; but there is no excuse for missing 45 minutes of an hour session; no excuse for leaving early, etc; we must be held to a higher standard

* 53 evaluations returned out of 89 attendees *
16 HOUR CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS
October 8-9, 2008
Rural Development Center, Tifton

**Wednesday, October 8**
*Breaks at 8:50, 9:50, 11:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:00*

8-8:50 am   DDS Update - DDS Personnel
9-9:50     DDS Update Continued
10:10-11   GCIC records, Ms. Christina Watts
11:10-noon GCIC records, Ms. Christina Watts

noon-1 *planned luncheon*

1-2:50 pm   Group Discussion--small, medium and large courts-- separate discussions
Ms. Faye Brantley, Mr. Jeff West, Ms. Mariza Abdeljawad, discussion leaders

3:10-4pm   Report from discussions--commonalities, remaining questions--led by clerks
4:10-5 pm  Bonds, Hon. Dennis Still

**Thursday, October 9**
*Breaks at 8:50, 9:50, 11:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:00*

8-8:50am   Routine Paperwork, Hon. Glen Ashman
9-9:50     Routine Paperwork Continued
10:10-11   What a Judge Expects form a Clerk, Hon. Glen Ashman
11-noon   Records Retention, Mr. Andrew Taylor

noon-1 *Group Luncheon*

1-1:50     Ethics for Clerks, Moderator: Hon. Rashida Oliver
           Hon. Nelly Withers, Hon. Michael Cielinski, Mr. Jeff West and Ms. Karen Fricke

2-2:50 pm  Panel Discussion on Ethics - Moderator: Hon. Rashida Oliver
           Hon. Michael Cielinski, Hon. Nelly Withers, Ms. Karen Fricke, Mr. Jeff West

3:10-4 pm  (i) why and how to report case filing and dispositional data from municipal courts to AOC; and
           (ii) public health emergencies involving contagious diseases, such as avian flu, Mr. Bob Bray, AOC

4:10-5 pm  Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority, Ms. Rachel Rice
Evaluate usefulness of topics and speakers’ effectiveness by circling 1 to 5, with 5 being your greatest approval.

**DDS Update** 4.65

**DDS Personnel** 4.80

**Comments:**
- would have liked to have slides available & in workbook
- keep up the good work!
- great, very informative good job, knowledgeable
- would like to have handouts with updated information that was presented
- having a copy of the PowerPoint would be helpful
- Judge Hilliard was great; DDS was very helpful
- great speakers
- good but too quick
- very informative
- great job! Very helpful
- very informative on new laws
- needed more time on DDS
- Pamela was very energetic! I appreciate that!
- information was very beneficial to us; timely
- Judge Hilliard makes this training very entertaining and informing; Pamela Woods was excellent; I suggest that in the future to go more in depth on GECPS
- needed handouts for reference
- very helpful
- very informative
- great speaker
- I’m happy that because of these updates, DDS will come out of the stone age
- very good speaker; she made it fun to listen
- important clarification of new laws & bulletins; instructor was phenomenal!
- very informative; a little fast paced

**GCIC Records** 4.59

Christina Watts 4.72

**Comments:**
- she was very helpful!
- awesome presentation; very knowledgeable of information
- very informative
- presented well
- very good information
- needs to be longer; more questions & answers
- good but too quick
- need more
- very informative
- I would like to say thank you; great job
- I am a new clerk; lost on this one
- good presentation, but our city does not have a police department at this time so just cleaning up tickets at the
moment, but got good info when court starts again
-enjoyed speaker; very informative & energetic
-very good presentation!
-very informative! All should become familiar; speaker needs to speak up
-she knew what she was talking about
-great clarification; very thorough in delivery of information
-very informative and helpful

**Group Discussion**  4.58

Discussion Leader  4.55

**Comments:**
-she helped me out a lot (Jennifer)
-interesting
-this was the most beneficial session today
-Jeff West—very good moderator
-good
-too long
-good
-very helpful to hear what other clerks do in the same situations
-great!
-it was great to hear what others are doing & how they do it
-very informative—a bit unorganized! Very useful to talk to others in the same situation(s)
-beneficial ideas and helpful info
-excellent way to share commonalities of other cities
-got more information / learned more when groups were smaller
-really helpful
-could set aside more time for this
-enjoyed very much, I’m in a very small town, was more what I do every day!
-it was such a great pleasure to communicate with peers and share ideas to improve what we all do
-my leader’s name was Jennifer Baxter & she was so helpful; I got more out of what she said than anyone; thank you Jen!
-able to obtain different methods that other courts use; didn’t seem very knowledgeable
-smaller setting allowed everyone to talk

**Bonds**  4.26

Dennis Still  4.16

**Comments:**
-missing a page that was on screen but not in book—page before “bondsman off bond”; would have liked more laymens’ terms, I do not have a degree in law
-great speaker!
-interesting
-very good
-boring
-need more
-very informative
-great information
-earlier in the day?
-fun class
informative—but very drug out; speaker was somewhat monotone
-useful, very important & beneficial
-Judge Stills explained this very well
-needed to be first
-Judge Still was very helpful in making the process of “bonds” clearly
-good speaker but my agency hardly ever deals w/ this subject
-first time I fell asleep; instructor read the slides verbatim
-used a lot of technical terms; read directly from book for the most part

Routine Paperwork 4.30
Glen Ashman 4.40

Comments:
-felt some things were went over too much & others rarely touched
-great speaker
-helped a lot
-good
-very informative
-very lengthy
-somewhat informative—but also drug out, monotone; seemed as though some topics applied more to judges/lawyers than clerks
-need liveliness 1st thing in the morning
-Judge Ashman was very informative in explaining court forms, etc.
-very monotone—felt mind starting to wander; spoke too much about own court; not enough open discussion; didn’t feel I learned a lot
-I had no idea there were so many other forms that would make my life easier; thank you, Judge Ashman
-I feel that routine paperwork should actually be teaching the clerk what she should do & when I, for example, am totally new & don’t know anything except how to put the tickets in the computer
-didn’t seem relative to the smaller courts in some areas; somewhat vague in explanations
-very monotone; hard to stay focused and alert

Your Judge Expects 4.39
Glen Ashman 4.44

Comments:
-answered lots of my questions
-I really understand my job duties now!
-good
-good
-very informative
-would like different judges to see what they need and have more discussions
-informative—but seemed drug out; monotone speaker; but it got better once we could ask questions & it was opened to us
-helpful info
-excellent—communication explains it all, as well as, excellent rapport
-too long
-I am thrilled to learn ideas to improve my relationship with my judge
-should have allotted this time for something else
-excellent explanation for what judges expect in general
-very monotone; hard to stay focused and alert
Ethics for Clerks 4.85

Panel Members 4.88

Comments:
-great Judge Oliver
- I really enjoyed Judge Oliver; she was exciting!
- this was a great session
- my favorite! Very informative for me! (I’m new)
- very good presentation of the material; explained very well
- excellent Judge Oliver
- good speakers; very interesting
- very good & informative
- very informative
- great
- good info! Judge Oliver was great!
- good learning & very enjoyable
- very informative—loved the speakers & their energy—especially Mrs. Oliver
- need to share this info with local & city officials that’re in charge! Very enlightened
- excellent job & very interesting
- great information!
- Hon. Oliver was awesome!
- great session!
- I enjoyed the panel, they are responsive, informative, and reaffirmed my personal system of ethics
- Rashida Oliver was a great speaker; very passionate about what she does
- Judge Oliver is wonderful; I lover her strategies regarding court procedures
- very informative, spoke our language, kept our attention easily

Reporting Cases 4.60

Bob Bray 4.60

Comments:
- something that we needed to know
- I felt like the focus was not on the court but on the potential health crisis; the overall message could have been presented as a brief part of another session instead of part of a documentary on bird flu
- great presentation
- very informative
- very good information; very helpful; thank you
- enjoyed session very much!
- great presentation
- very informative—good energy—enjoyed being involved in conversation
- very good & interesting
- excellent job & very interesting
- enjoyed this panel of members!
- excellent speaker
- informative, scary, but one needs to understand the importance of preparation for disasters
- very good speaker; didn’t like it before lunch though
- very informative, easy to follow, kept our attention
SCCC Authority 4.67
Rachel Rice 4.74

Comments:
- knowledgeable & full of energy
- material good; Ms. Rice—excellent
- very good
- very informative
- great
- informative—good energy—omitted subjects that did not apply to us
- confirming
- very informative
- good information!
- excellent speaker
- it is above all else important to understand where the money that is collected has to go and what is done with it
- very knowledgeable; maybe it could be longer, especially for new clerks
- very enthusiastic! Kept the topic interesting

Your ideas are important. Please be candid and suggest other topics you feel would be helpful and informative:
- would like for panelists to be on raised platform for better visual
- having to have our pages signed 15 times is too much! Maybe too many breaks—breaks could have been shorter & if lunch is served lunch break could be shorter; this has been very informative, but maybe time should be looked at; 1 hr 50 min break-out was too long
- I think the class would be more beneficial if in small groups like the group discussion
- all of the courses were well prepared & presented; your speakers were knowledgeable & worked well together
- I am a new clerk and I found all the information very helpful; especially Code of Ethics
- seminar could be reduced in time; too many breaks; glad last class was cancelled
- training location in Northwest GA

* 63 evaluations returned out of 68 attendees *
State Court Judges' 2008 Fall Conference
October 15, 16 & 17, 2008, @ Jekyll Island Club Hotel, JI, GA
[Note: * = confirmed leader; # = invited leader; + = suggested leader]

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**
Reserved for Committee Meetings: Council of State Court Judges

**Wednesday, October 15, 2008** {400 MCLE minutes, including 60 TrPr and 60 Prf}
8:00 Executive Committee Meeting & Breakfast: Council of State Court Judges
noon Appropriate Handling of DUI Cases Judge Kent Lawrence*
1:00 Business Meeting w/ Box Lunch: Council of State Court Judges
2:00 Courtroom Interpreters: Qualifications & Training; Monitoring, Assessing and Directing Their Contributions Judge Ed Carriere# [Prf]
3:00 Criminal Caselaw Update Judge Ben Studdard*
7:00 Group Dinner

**Thursday, October 16, 2008** {150 MCLE minutes, including 120 TrPr}
8:00 Case Assistance Exchange Senior Judge Howard Cook* & Judge Charlie Wynne*
9:00 Evidence and Procedural Rules Germaine to Judicial Supervision of Pretrial, Trial and Disposition in Medical Malpractice Cases, from the defense side (Atty. Judson Graves*) and from the plaintiffs side (Atty. Jay Cook*) [TrPr]
11:00 Civil Case Law Update: Top Twelve Countdown Judge Tony DelCampo*
noon Group Luncheon w/ Speaker: Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle*
1:30 Judging & Humanities Immersion: Understanding Addiction, Elizabeth Connell Henderson# (MD - psychiatrist)

**Friday, October 17, 2008**
8:00 All Hazards Emergency Preparedness, with a focus on contagious disease (avian flu) and its impact on court operations, Mr. Bob Bray*, AOC
9:00 Traffic Law Update & DDS Practices Update Judge Maurice Hilliard*, et. al.
10:00 Traffic Law Update & DDS Practices Update (continued)
11:00 Probation Institution and Revocation: Law and Practice in Georgia Judge Tim Wolfe*
Evaluation
State Court Judges’ 2008 Fall Conference
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5 is the highest possible score

Appropriate Handling of DUI Cases
Judge Kent Lawrence
Comments:
- This program would be good for the newer judges. For experienced judges more time should be allocated.
- Too much time spent on traffic statistics.
- The portion of program presented by Kent on what type of sentence is effective for repeat offenders was excellent. Presentation clearly shows need for DUI courts.
- Would have liked more practical information about handling DUI cases and less statistics.
- Superb.
- Excellent presentation, good handouts.
- Very good and most informative.
- Good presentation. The information provided was useful.
- Way too much time spent on statistics, the rest of the presentation was way too basic- better for new judge mentoring- I didn’t really learn anything I didn’t know. Not a great use of time and very dry presentation.
- Good presentation- however, I don’t find PowerPoint printouts useful- would prefer and outline with major points.
- Kent knows more about DUI law than all of us put together, and it is much appreciated that he is willing to share that knowledge.
- Less statistics, more nuts and bolts of how to handle cases.

Courtroom Interpreters: Qualifications & Training (…)
Judge Ed Carriere
Comments:
- Great topic and presentation- needed more time.
- Did not expect to like this- or need it- but really thought the video was effective.
- Enjoyed use of video.
- Good Humor
- Good job.
- Excellent video- great examples of what to look for, could have used more time, but the important points were made. Good presentation!
- Too basic, and video examples were too obvious. I would suggest having an open discussion about interpreter issues and how other judges handle difficult situations (maybe part of a case example presentation)
- Good video! Ed’s humor is always a joy.

Criminal Case law Update
Judge Ben Studdard
Comments:
- Keep this on the agenda.
- On a yearly basis this is the most practical course offered.
- Great material- Ben sometimes goes a little fast to follow- appreciate as always the great handout and will use it for review during next week or so.
- Always top notch- well presented.
- Intense as usual.
- Always a great and thorough presentation, never enough time.
- Great work and most helpful.
- Narrow the scope and zero in on several key updates rather than the shotgun approach. It was hard to keep up with the page turning; good material.
- As always, a great presentation and good materials, but could have used more time. Maybe be more selective in areas of coverage.
- Excellent materials (as opposed to PowerPoint printouts) I will use these materials often.
- Do not let people asking “questions” take over and distract you from the presentation.

Case Assistance Exchange 4.56  
Senior Judge Howard Cook (Janis Gordon) 4.61  
Judge Charlie Wynne 4.55  
Comments:  
- Good.
- Very helpful.
- Gained helpful info.
- Fair but not very helpful.
- Excellent presentation as usual!!
- Always helpful to hear how other judges handle common problems and issues. Maybe expand this to 2 hours (1 criminal and 1 civil).

Evidence and Procedural Rules (… ) 4.55  
Atty. Judson Graves 4.62  
Atty. Jay Cook 4.47  
Comments:  
- Re: Jay Cook- A good speaker but not much information, except in written materials.
- Expected a little more substance – handouts appeared great in that area.
- Mr. Graves [is] a very good presenter- needed more time!!
- Mr. Cook also a good speaker- also needed more time!
- I really like the fact that Jud gave specific suggestions to keep cases moving. I also enjoyed Jay’s talk on professionalism and civil justice system talk.
- Graves- very thought out/innovative ideas/ will definitely try - used his vast experience in a significant approach
- nice to have defense lawyer’s perspective.
- Atty. Cook had a very effective style; I appreciate his thoughtfulness
- Superb.
- Graves was self serving.
- Great.
- Good speaker.
- Good content.
- Mr. Graves did a wonderful job of promoting his agenda and what we should do when he and lawyers like him come to our courts. Did not provide any useful information to help us.
- Mr. Cook on the other hand presented a more even handed and balanced presentation.
- Graves > excellent presentation- great points Also, materials were really helpful.
- Cook > too philosophical, not practical enough.
- Graves: excellent speaker.
- Cook: Didn’t stay on topic- too philosophical presentation.
- Good to have the perspective of practicing attorneys- we could all use info on making our courts more efficient.
- I like Jay, but he was not on topic.
- Very much appreciated specific, concrete suggestions about case management from Judson Graves.
- Excellent presentation.
- Very enjoyable- for both.
OFFICIAL ICJE PROGRAM

20-Hour Firearms Awareness and Safety Course – For Novices
Professional Enrichment Product* (PEP)
October 22-23, 2008
GLOCK Professional, Inc. 6000 Highlands Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082

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EVALUATION

Firearms Awareness & Safety Course (PEP*) - For Novices
October 22 - 23, 2008 - Smyrna, Athens, GA 30082

Lesson One - Basic Pistol Knowledge 4.88
Lesson Two - Ammunition Knowledge
Fundamentals of Shooting 4.92
Lesson Three - Shooting Positions
First Range Visit 4.92
Safety Video & Group Discussion 4.60
Live Fire Exercise 4.96
Review Common Errors 4.91
Judge Phil Taylor 4.96

Additional Comments:
Great - Thanks.
This program is fantastic.
Let's do a personal protection program with Phil Taylor and Chris Edwards.
Excellent job by Judge Taylor.
Glock Instructor, Chris Edwards was excellent.
Chris Edwards was very good.
Great Course.
Entire program handled very well.
Judge Taylor - Excellent Instructor!!
This was a great class that I learned very useful information.
The instructors took their time to make sure everyone understood each section before continuing.
Exceptional Program.
Judge Taylor did an excellent job.
Love that 1980's movie!
I really liked this and what a nice guy!
I suggest shortening lunch to 20 or 30 minutes - one hour is not needed and you could get folks
out into the lovely traffic half hour earlier.
Glock representative was GREAT.
This was a great class and the facility and food were excellent! What practical fun.
Very good program, all instructors knowledgeable and courteous.
Very helpful!

Total Participants: 26  Total Evaluations: 25
Juvenile Court Judges’ Fall Seminar  
Riverfront Marriott, Augusta

**Monday, October 27 – 4 hours**

12:00 – 1:00 Registration

10 Minute Breaks Scheduled at 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50

1:00 – 1:50 **Introduction to CJCJ: Committees / Sidebar / Benchbook / etc.**  
  *Atty. Eric John, Executive Director, CJCJ*

2:00 – 5:00 **Dependency / Deprivation / TPR:**  
  - Actions & Types of Issues  
  - Psychology Related to Placement & Reunification  
  - Citizens Review Panels  
  - Unique Custody Determinations  
  - Records Management & Confidentiality Practices  

  *Hon. John Sumner, Cherokee Co. Juvenile Court*  
  *Hon. Tim Pape, Floyd Co. Juvenile Court*  
  *Mr. Robert Bassett, CJCJ*

5:00 **Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 28 – 8 hours**

Continental Breakfast

10 Minute Breaks Scheduled at 8:50, 9:50, 10:50

8:00 – 10:50 **Dependency / Deprivation / TPR – continued**

11:00 – 12:00 **Ethics:**  
  - JQC Procedures  
  - Professionalism  
  - Code of Judicial Conduct  
  - Recusal & Disqualification Standards & Practices  

  *Atty Richard D. Reaves, Executive Director, ICJE*

12:00 – 1:00 Group Lunch

10 Minute Breaks Schedule at 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50

1:00 – 1:50 **Child Development**  
  - Ages & Stages  
  - Cultural Differences  

  *Hon. Peggy Walker, Douglas Co. Juvenile Court*
2:00 - 5:00  Delinquency / Unruly

2-3  Arrest, Intake, Petitions  
*Hon. Stephen Franzen, Gwinnett Co. Juvenile Court*

3-4  Completing Dispositional Hearings & If Any, Statewide Programs  
*Hon. Velma Tilley, Bartow Co. Juvenile Court*

4-5  Monitoring Local Probation Supervision & Revocation Proceedings  
*Hon. Bryant Henry, Walker & Dade Co. Juvenile Courts*

**Wednesday, October 29 – 4 hours**

Continental Breakfast

10 Minute Breaks Scheduled at 8:50, 9:50, 10:50

8:00 - 10:50  Delinquency & Unruly, continued

8-9  Designated Felonies & Handling Transfers  
*Hon. Jim McDonald, Athens-Clarke Co. Juvenile Court*

9-10  Conducting Hearings & How to Manage Key Evidence  
*Hon. John Beam, Chatham Co. Juvenile Court*

10-11  Assigning Legal Counsel, Interpreters in Dealing w/ Pre-Trial Motions  
*Hon. Philip Spivey, Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit*

11:00 - 12:00  Special Proceedings  
- Traffic  
- Guardianships  
- Show Cause  
- Legitimation  
- Parental Notification  
- Transfers from Superior Court

*Hon. Vincent Crawford, DeKalb Co. Juvenile Court  
*Hon. Lisa Mantz, Newton Co. Juvenile Court*
JUVENILE COURT JUDGES 2008 FALL SEMINAR
Riverfront Marriott, Augusta
October 27 - 29, 2008

Please assist the staff in evaluating this program by grading each of the subjects offered in this course. (Circle a number 1-5, with a 5 indicating your greatest approval.) Please mark only programs you actually attended.

Monday, October 27
--- Introduction to CJCJ
   Usefulness of topic 3.88
   Atty. Eric John
   Presentation 4.17

Comments:
-thank you for the refresher course
-nice information but not worth an hour of time--written materials would have been sufficient
-audio system not adequate for this room
-exceeded allotted time

Mon. - Tues., October 27 - 28
--- Dependency / Deprivation / TPR
   Usefulness of topic 4.49
   Hon. John Sumner
   Presentation by the speaker 4.44
   Hon. Tim Pape
   Presentation by the speaker 4.40
   Mr. Robert Bassett
   Presentation by the speaker 4.44

Comments:
-very good; hands-on stuff; I wish I’d heard this soon after taking office! Very good stuff for new judges
-good overview / review, but pretty much the same old stuff
-good interactive format to get all involved; needs to be done more often
-audio system not adequate for the room, especially for audience responses and comments; better second day
-very useful information
-very useful and informative

Tuesday, October 28
--- Ethics
   Usefulness of topic 4.26
   Atty. Richard Reaves
   Presentation 4.04

Comments:
-great presentation and presenter; he should consider conducting future
-prettv dry stuff but probably a “necessary evil”
-very dry; reminds me of the teacher in the movie “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”
-an important topic but difficult to make interesting
--- Child Development
Usefulness of topic 4.21
Hon. Peggy Walker
Presentation by the speakers 4.39

Comments:
(no comments given)

--- Delinquency & Unruly
Usefulness of topic 4.28
Hon. Stephen Franzen
Presentation by the speakers 4.29
Hon. Velma Tilley
Presentation by the speaker 4.56
Hon. Bryant Henry
Presentation by the speaker 4.36

Comments:
-good to have active participation / discussion

Wednesday, October 29
--- Delinquency & Unruly, cont.
Usefulness of topic 4.65
Hon. Jim McDonald
Presentation by the speakers 4.36
Hon. John Beam
Presentation by the speakers 4.68
Hon. Philip Spivey
Presentation by the speaker 4.22

Comments:
-good materials provided
-could not read Judge Spivey’s slides, too dark
-the panel was the best hour ever
-excellent format
-my favorite; most helpful
-interesting and informative

--- Special Proceedings
Usefulness of topic 4.56
Hon. Vincent Crawford
Presentation by the speakers 4.19
Hon. Lisa Mantz
Presentation by the speaker 4.19

Comments:
-good materials provided
-very helpful
Your ideas are important. Please be candid and suggest other topics you feel would be helpful and informative.

- topic on court management as a collaborative
- please don’t do “new judge development” for judges who have years on the bench; review is nice, but there was virtually no new information for experienced judges; please do separate tracks in the future
- refresher courses on evidence & criminal procedure
- Dr. Phil should wear a funny hat
- suggest not to have topics exceed 4 hours; new judge training would be well-served to have evidence w/ Prof. Milich

Additional Comments:
- great facility; President’s Panel was great
- like facility
- appreciate offering the ethics & professionalism hours for those of us who still need them; please consider doing this each year at one of the seminars
- should have some new judge orientation / training at every conf.
- good fundamental information with valuable input from veteran judges from the audience

* 53 evaluations returned out of 98 attendees *
Current Issues In Substances of Abuse  -  October 30 -31, 2008
The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy & Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

General Information:
This workshop will be held on the UGA Campus in the Tate Student Center in the Reception Hall (1st Floor), Below is a list of area hotels. Please schedule your own lodging:
Georgia Center for Continuing Education (706) 542-6364 Holiday Inn (706) 549-4433, Courtyard By Marriott (706) 369-7000
PLEASE NOTE: Daily parking should be available by October, 2008 in the new Tate Center addition. Daily rate should be $8.00.
Twelve hours (1.2 CEUs) continuing education credit will be awarded and statements issued for seminar participation and completion of Request For CE Statements will be mailed. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. ACPE Provider Number 014-000-07-166-Lol-P
** All sessions will be held in the Tate Center Reception Hall (1st floor) on the UGA Campus**

Workshop Agenda
Thursday, October 30, 2008
8:00-8:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast Reception Hall/Tate Center
8:30 Welcome and Orientation
8:45 General Principles of Drug Abuse and Addiction
9:30 Drug Testing/Drug Scams
10:15 Alcohol
11:15 Marijuana/Salvia
12:00 Lunch on your own
12:45 Inhalants
1:30 Cocaine and 'Crack'
2:30 Stimulants/Methamphetamines Methylphenidate/Amphetamine
3:30 LSD and Other Hallucinogens
4:30 Benzodiazepines

Friday, October 31,2008
8:00 Registration - Continental Breakfast
8:30 Opiates/Narcotics/Heroin/Methadone
9:30 Anabolic Steroids and Other Drugs Abused in Sports
10:30 Club Drugs Ecstasy GHB Rohypnol Ketamine
11:30 Social Issues of Substance Abuse
12:30 Adjourn *** There will be time allotted for Q & A on specific topics throughout the sessions

Program Summary
Substance abuse refers to the production, distribution, sale and inappropriate non-medical use of chemical substances. Substance abuse threatens the sociologic and economic well-being of our society. Georgia's geographic location makes the state a major site for importation of substances of abuse (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, etc) and for distribution throughout the United States. Moreover, the high demand for known and designer drugs of abuse has created a network of clandestine drug manufacturing laboratories; Abuse of anabolic steroids, prescriptions and over-the-counter medications is also on the rise.
The problems associated with substance abuse present a variety of challenges for health care practitioners, educators and the legal community, Community leaders must know the effective methods of drug testing, deterrence and/or treatment of drug abuses and have up-to-date knowledge of the basic pharmacologic and toxicologic actions of common substances of abuse.
This workshop has been specifically designed to provide the most current information about common substances of abuse, patterns of use, and methods of drug testing, pharmacologic/toxicologic actions and methods of treating over dosages, addiction and habituation.
OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of this seminar, participants should possess, and be able to use knowledge of the following topics for each substance of abuse discussed: Sources of abused drugs; Patterns of use and abuse;

Drug Testing;
- Biodisposition
- Administration * Absorption *Distribution *Metabolism *Elimination
- Biological aspects
- Chemistry and biochemistry *Neurochemical actions *Behavioral aspects
- Pharmacological actions *Toxicological effects
- Treatment

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ONLINE REGISTRATION:
www.rxugace.com
Registration Deadline - October 17, 2008
Pre-Registration is required in order to insure the availability of sufficient instructional materials, handouts, and continental breakfast
The registration fee of $195.00 includes tuition, all instructional materials, continental breakfast, and continuing education credit.
For more information or to register by phone, contact us at:
Office of Postgraduate CE College of Pharmacy The University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602
Phone (706) 542-1296 Fax (706) 542-3912
### ICJE CURRICULUM
20-Substance Abuse & Addiction Issues (PEP)
Georgia Center for Continuing Education
November 6-7, 2008

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<td>Dr. Merrill Norton</td>
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<td>Working Lunch: (pre-set menu): Topic: Pre-Trial Diversion—Problems and Opportunities for the Court</td>
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<td>2-4 p.m.</td>
<td>Panel of Experts: Trends, Resources &amp; Issues for Judges</td>
<td>Judge Charles Auslander, Judge Winston Bethel Assistant Police Chief, Alan Brown, Athens-Clarke Co.</td>
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EVALUATION
Substance Abuse & Addiction Issues
November 6 - 7, 2008 - Georgia Center - Athens, Georgia

(5) Indicating the Greatest Approval

Pharmacology of Drugs  4.84
Dr. Merrill Norton  4.86
Comments:
Too much science. I like when Dr. Norton focuses more on practical issues of dealing with addict in
court.
What to expect and how to help.
Could possibly be a valuable hand-out source.
Excellent knowledge of subject, very entertaining speaking. Excellent concern over abuse.
Excellent
Good Presentation.
Excellent informative speaker.
The Best.
Session was informative and entertaining.
Dr. Norton is a wonderful speaker. Very interesting.
Great speaker.
Excellent presentation - kept me interested.
Best speaker we have ever had!
Excellent speaker and presentation.
Very good I can use this information.
Very interesting.
I didn’t appreciate some of his inappropriate remarks (gender polices).
Excellent speaker and presentation.
Wish he could speak to all teenagers.
Would like to get more information on programs and therapy that Dr. Norton is involved with.

Book Discussion:  4.44
“A Beautiful Boy”
Judge Peggy Walker  4.43
Comments:
Good Discussion. I enjoyed the book tremulously.
Judge Walker can really bring meth problems to light.
Writer had more money access than most average parents of addicts especially if they are addicts/users
themselves.
One of the best book review discussion seminar I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing.
Great Speaker.
She fleshed out the book.
Impressive speaker - best book discussion I’ve been to.
Only a series of questions from instructor. Did not provide any information of real insight.
Outstanding!
Very informative.
Comments:
Needs to be later at night and on a weekend when more of the college kids are in town. Also, we had great weather but might consider this as a summer ELO.
Fun but not as wild as expected, but illuminating. I enjoyed spending time with and getting to know fellow judges.
Was an interesting concept. With the number of participants descending upon Athens would have been a good idea for groups to make an effort not to congregate. Stay in “exploration groups” and avoid bars where a group might already be.
The idea was great maybe a little late for night but very interesting.
It was a little too early to go out.
Need to cancel this deal or at least do about one hour from 11pm - 12 (midnight).
No one was out - we were out to early and too long - 10:30p.m. - 1:00 a.m. or 10:00p.m. - 12:00(midnight) would be better.
GREAT!
Very interesting stories also very depressing.
Innovative
Start at 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - recommend smaller groups 2-3.
I enjoyed the new experience. It may need to be tweaked some.
We went out too early and too long. If you keep this as part of the program I would suggest going from 11:00 - midnight.
I personally did not find this useful. I think a ride along to a more known drug area would be more interesting.
Great idea - needs some adjustments of times of observation.
Would have been better with onsite work with police drunk arrests, etc.
The idea was good, but I would have preferred observing drug detox or drug activities.
We went out too early - we should have left around 11pm.
The benefit for me was to make me think of ways to intervene earlier in combating addictive behaviors.
The time was too early. If time would have been from 10:30pm - 1:30am, would have been better and having a home football game!
Go out later. Enjoyed the experience.
The group that I was in seemed only interested in walking, when we did actually stop near a bar, mostly all that was done was socializing. We never stayed long enough to study any particular person’s habits (drinking or otherwise). I won’t say that I was not able to gain some insight on this adventure. However, we were able to observe some of the behavior of the young adults, while they were out and while some of them were drinking. I would have however, liked to observe a few of these individuals in a few selected places instead of being placed in a group where I felt that the group was obligated to follow what the designated leader chose to do. Now as far as the next day - group discussion I was able to get more from everyone’s experiences than from my individual group. Was very pleased with the debriefing. Also, I thought that the ELO should have started later and not have lasted so long.

ELO - Athens, GA.
3.35

Dr. Lynda Hanscome 4.28
Comments:
Nice discussion. But how does this impact me practically as a magistrate and municipal judge? When discussion moved to practical issues - I found it more useful and beneficial.
Dr. Hanscome did a great job as a facilitator for the debriefing discussion session.
Brings out good points.
Interesting - people saw more than I did. I must have gone to the wrong bars.
Different views, perspectives and comments were interesting.
Except to “Catch-Up” with each other, didn’t see the point in this section.
Excellent - informative - interactive.
Great discussion.
Opportunities  4.10
Judge Winston Bethel  4.12

Comments:
Interesting - It works for a large county, but being from a smaller county, we have no resources and I didn’t get much to take home. Judge Bethel addressed this much better during panel discussion. Part of my background has been as a mental health professional wanted to “AMEN” many of the things he said. Tough to do after lunch (time slot) lots of yawners. “Post-Lunch Doze” although Judge Bethel was informative. Need more intro but great subject. Tough after lunch - probably a good subject. Maybe give suggestions on start up plans. Judge Bethel was verbose. This could be an entire twenty hour course.

Panel of Experts: Trends, Resources & Issues for Judges  4.39

Comments:
Very informative - excellent presentation. Great
Very good study. Interesting as to local conditions. Great dialogue. Judge Bethel dominated the discussion.

Additional Comments:
Suggest ELO later in the evening; hold class first day until 5p.m. permitting release on second day at 2p.m - Wonderful class!
Enjoyed it! I liked the experiment! Dr. Norman is a GREAT EDUCATOR.
Speakers were excellent. I encourage continued work with this subject and format. I felt there was more sincere discussion over these topics than from other seminars. The ELO may need a little modification but is still a great idea for certification.
Good Program. I would like to attend an entire seminar on Mental Illness. I heard that the probate count had such a seminar last year.
Steven Mansfield would make an excellent addition to the speakers. He is the lead counselor for the Glynn/Camden County Drug Court.
Some more practical info would be great.
Presence of Rich Reeves was very positive. He presents such a well thought and professional persona, it adds to level of conference.
Georgia Center tried hard to please.
Enjoyed the class. Need more like this type of learning.
Meeting room was warm, not very comfortable. Appreciate the move downstairs - a lot cooler - more enjoyable able to concentrate on speakers better.

Total Participants: 52  Total Evaluations: 49
# 8 HOUR RECERTIFICATION COURSE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, TIFTON
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

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Evaluation
8 Hour Recertification Course for Municipal Court Clerks
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Driver, Criminal Histories 4.10
Glen Ashman 4.24
Comments:
- Very good information.
- Very good.
- Good question and answer session.
- Repeats himself too much, no control over "self style," Subject matter expert in audience, properly presented and timed, a good 30-minute class.
- I would like to know more about how to read the "cycles" on Crim Hx.
- Very informative, thank you.
- We are not in grade school. This is a re-certification class not a new court clerk class.
- Class not really necessary for us. Should probably be shorter.
- Informative.
- Receive TAC conv. and online "why."
- Information to get histories from non-compact states.
- Very knowledgeable as sitting judge to daily activities of clerk.
- Very helpful.
- Very informative.
- Good speakers! Great points.
- Very informative.

Records Retention 3.94
Panel Members 3.93
Comments:
- Some not clear.
- Very good.
- Good information.
- Arguments among panel members over procedures not productive. Could have been presented in a handout just as effectively.
- Good input from panel.
- FYI GA Archives says to keep traffic citations 2 years, but the Mun. Ct. Retention is 6 years.
- I feel we need to get on the same accord, as it relates to keeping records, this should be used throughout the state of GA. We have no problem being on the same accord when different bills come out - so why can't we be on the same retention planner.
- Good video! Ed's humor is always a joy.
- Could have been more prepared and organized.
- Mr. Taylor was really the only person with input.
- Good info.
- Some information was very helpful.
- Didn't seem real sure about answers.
- Records retention not really taught.
- O.K.
- Good.
- "Do they KNOW?"
- We could have read the schedule. Important issues not really addressed such as who exactly to contact for changes or questions. Luckily we do not have a retention protocol.
- Good Information
-Need more time for Q & A.
-Panel unsure about a lot of questions asked.
-Possibly just include a handout only in materials for information only.

**Dealing with Public, Ethics** 3.93
**Tammy Gibbs** 3.95

**Comments:**
-Liked the skit.
-Very good, important points.
-Nice skit, but died afterwards.
-Very good.
-Good demonstration! Great motto about “nice” and important.”
-Really enjoyed the topic on customer service. Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
-Perhaps better presented at the end of the day. Entertaining! Not a public speaker. New Title “Reflections By Tammy.” What ethics?
-Great skit.
-Good presenter.
-Very well presented.
-Sometimes to apply “It is important to be nice.”
-Very sweet presentation.
-We need more information on dealing with the public since we are now dealing with another generation. The majority of them have little or no respect for others. Plus, they do not feel like breaking the law is wrong.
-Sweet lady! Not a great presentation.
-Enjoyable. Very funny, but helpful.
-Helpful information, good presenter.
-Tammy was great!
-Class was pretty good. Presenter was o.k.
-Did not touch on ethics and the material is not a relevant with seasoned clerks. I would have preferred to use that time with DDS or GCIC.
-Next time skip this to allot more time for other areas.
-Very good.
-Great job!
-Very good job.
-Someone more exuberant.
-Good information, but needs to be more lively. Ethics was not discussed.
-Good points.
-Good skit. Very friendly. Good to remind everyone that we are here to serve the public.
-Good skit.
-Needs more speaking skills! Speaks with uncertainty. Great skit!
-Did hold attention. Not well presented to us.
-Too long. More time needed on DDS/Changes.
-Great presentation, but could use more DDS time.
-Can relate to skit!
-Entertaining!
-Needs to do a play on the right way to deal with a customer! Great, need more.
Disaster Preparedness 4.56  
Bob Bray 4.61  
Judge Charlie Wynne 4.55  
Comments:  
-Good.  
-Very helpful.  
-Gained helpful info.  
-Fair but not very helpful.  
-Excellent presentation as usual!!  
-Always helpful to hear how other judges handle common problems and issues.  
Maybe expand this to 2 hours (1 criminal and 1 civil).

Evidence and Procedural Rules (...) 4.21  
Atty. Judson Graves 4.53  
Comments:  
-Very informative. Good speaker.  
-Very good meaningful information.  
-Never mentioned how to prepare.  
-Very good.  
-Good question and answer session.  
-Microphone feedback distracted from an otherwise outstanding presentation.  
-Scary.  
-Excellent speaker although topic was not helpful for real issues with court.  
-Scary! Good information.  
-Great speaker! Very informative!  
-Always a good speaker!  
-Interesting!  
-Thank you - we all hope not to have a pandemic.  
-Very good!  
-Very informative!  
-Well prepared! Very interesting information!  
-Good presenter! Topic not really necessary!  
-Interesting!  
-Good.  
-What was the “why?”  
- Educate more on prevention after the blow.  
-Interesting. Great speaker, scary topic.  
-Excellent vocal range. Good anecdotes. Speaker very knowledgeable. Dark subject, but it’s reality.  
-Enjoyed most!  
-Very informative!  
-Bob is a great speaker. Great topic. Worthy information.  
-Could have been cut short. More time on DDS/Changes.  
-Very interesting. Good speaker.  
-Very informative.  
-Good speaker.  
-Good :)

Changes, DDS 4.80  
DDS Personnel 4.89  
Comments:  
-Answered a lot of questions.  
-Always interesting.  
-I was happy to have them here!!  
-Need more time for this.
Very good.
Good solutions to the problems. Great contact information given.
Excellent! This is what needs to be covered and in detail. Extend time when necessary.
Very informative panel - enjoyed the judge also.
Hillard was very good!
All were very good with a lot of information. Judge was a hoot!
Need more time!
Enjoyed the judge.
Way to fast! No time to take notes!
Need more time with DDS!
Loved the judge.
Presentation was very, very informative. Well received.
Needs more than one hour because their department is the one we deal with most.
Very helpful.
Needs to have more time during the seminar.
Very informative. Would like for the discussion to have lasted longer.
Very informative!
Great. Would like a longer time slot for DDS.
Excellent communication. Perfect for after lunch.
Need to have a double session next time.
Very informative. Thank you so much for being here.
Very courtesy and helpful.
Great Job - need to have a longer class since laws have changed.
Should focus more of class in this topic.
Needed more time.
Not enough time on this subject.
This is what this class needs - more training.
Helpful information. Needs to be longer.
It was great but we needed to have more time with the DDS people.
Need more time with DDS.
Should be longer.
Needs to be a longer session.
Very good.
Great.
Need more time.
Please make this topic longer than an hour, at least two, preferably more.
Very interesting! Wish there had been time for more.
Very knowledgeable. Extremely informative, need more time.
Most informative.
Need more time for DDS.
Need longer time in DDS changes.
Very informative. This group showed that they really cared.
Excellent program.
I think more time should have been spent on this topic. Staff was great.
Would have like more time for DDS to speak and could have done without other topics.
Need a longer session devoted to DDS.
Good questions and answers.
Great.
Need to devote more time to this class.
Bonds
Lindsey Jones

Comments:
- Never really answered any questions.
- Very good.
- Good information.
- Nice for a basic college class. But remained confused on bonding process for mandatory appearance who fail to appear. Hearing a class full of SMES argue over the answer didn’t help.
- Informative discussions.
- Good speaker. Lots of interaction.
- About the changes - we need more training for bonds!
- Did not provide answers to problems, just wanted class to participate, never answered the situation in question.
- Judge let clerks swap scenarios but gave no real answers which leaves me frustrated - still not knowing how to handle certain situation.
- No direct answers. I did not learn anything new.
- Very interesting issues.
- Not correct information on bonds, but good speaker.
- Great job.
- Some courts do not deal with bonds.
- Topic good, but not enough valuable info. Given.
- Need more definitive information.
- Evasive on answers.
- Good.
- Each court judge has their own way on bonds.
- Was not informative, only discussion, not resolution.
- More direct information, less discussion.
- Lots of questions and no answers.
- I think many of us wanted specific answers to several of the questions instead of just discussing.
- Discussion format did not learn anything procedurally, congenial speaker.
- Confusing
- Great speaker, talked about past experiences, good points.
- I feel as though no questions were answered. Just more questions. No answers.
- Did not learn anything from this session. No structure. No definite answers.
- Never clearly answered questions.
- No panel.
- We need more information on bonds and the right way to handle this.
- Larger bonds mostly handled in Superior Courts, not really important in municipal courts. He didn’t directly answer the questions asked of him.

Forms, Administrative
Panel

Comments:
- Very good.
- Great question and answer session.
- Most items targeted at Med./Large courts. My court has issued to date 252 citations/ has had 2 family violence cases. 5 T/A’s of 49 incidents.
- Very good panel. Mariza Excellent.
- Should be taught in beginner’s course.
- Good resources and topics, but not a very educated panel of clerks.
- Thank you panel, very helpful.
- Most of us have policy and procedure in place.
- Great job.
- Waste of time, no training given.
-Good, some forms out of date.
-Very good.
-The book is wonderful.
-Need more time to cover all the information.
-Boring.
-Conflicting information. Entertaining presentation.
-Not prepared for questions, unable to answer.

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Comments:
-Explained a lot of things.
-Very good information.
-Great! Enjoyed questions and answers. Very helpful.
-Great class. Should not be the last class of the day, bonds or dealing with public should be.
-Informative.
-Good!! I wish they put this class earlier.
-More time needed for this course.
-Great info!
-Very helpful.
-Very good.
-Good information.
-Great job!
-Very informative. This class needs to be longer to cover more information.
-Valuable information provided!
-Need more time here! Wonderful. Very knowledgeable.
-Great teacher.
-Very helpful. Very good.
-More training for court clerk.
-Very good job.
-Our agency needs to be trained.
-Great information.
-Do a panel so that we have different levels that can give more answers.
-Not enough time for topic.
-Good job.
-Many questions - speaker was able to answer all questions, need more time on subject.
-Very informative and helpful as usual.
-More time for GCIC.
-Need more time on GCIC.
-Very informative need more.
-More time should also be spent on this subject as well. Great.
-Needed two hours of GCIC updates.
-Need more than one hour.
-Great presentation. Very informative.
-Very informative.
-No panel.
-Very informative.

Final Comments:
-I feel that $150 is a lot to pay. The lunch and “snacks” were sadly lacking!! I was embarrassed for the ICJE!!! On a more positive note, I am thrilled that training for court clerks is now mandatory. I have learned a lot in the classes I have taken in the past and today. Is it really necessary to have each of the topics “signed off”?? Why not just the fir 102 1st topic?
to everyone:
- Always informative! Learn something new each year!
- It would be very helpful if the classes were from 12 noon until 4 (the first day) for those who live far away from 8-5 on one day is just too much. I will be 8 p.m. getting home!
- Suggest using smaller cards with hole punch after each session like post credit for officers. It’s faster and the small cards fit in a packet.
- The program was very informative, the only suggestion I have is to break up the class into two days, four hours each day.
- Please hold a class more centrally located in the state of Georgia - i.e. Atlanta.
- DDS and GCIC seem to be the most popular sessions. Can we give them more time? We are not in the business of sales. Customer service is not a topic that aids us in performing our duties better. I would suggest omitting this section. Please consider hosting a training class in the center of the state. Maybe even around the airport. Three hours south and 2 ½ hours north is very hard and expensive for our municipalities.
- This class should be a two-day class for people who travel a distance.
- Would like to have more training dealing with GCIC.
- Municipal court training is a very much needed information resource.
- If you have held the position as Court Clerk for 15 plus years there is no need for this class. If attended the TAC Convention that year there is no need to attend this class. Speaker is here for Clerk of Court and nothing else. Topics need to be more court related. Too many breaks. Hot food.
- Can you have it close for Northeast people?
- Lunch was awful for the price of class, should have a hot lunch. Signing paper, by the time you get paper signed break is over.
- Give specific contact names, phone, email, for the specific issues so we can write it on the page of the subject, not to have thumb there to look it up.
- Lunch was a joke, treat like kids having to sign in not adults, too congested trying to get a signature so why the break?
- DDS operations is more the issue that we deal with on a daily basis and I think more time should be spent in this area. So that everyone is able to perform their job accurately.
- Suggestion: Have someone come around during topic discussion to sign off on attendance sheets, rather than having to stand in line & wait and have them sign. A lot of time wasted.
- Maybe having the course schedule ahead of time to have out questions ready for any of the training.
- I feel that DDS should be given more time, since a lot of our class deals with the DDS.
- More time with DDS.
- Please have more informative classes that consist of problems relating to courts and clerks. More time with DDS and GCIC.

Participants: 124  Evaluation: 91
PROBATE JUDGES FALL SEMINAR  
November 18 - 20, 2008  -  Marriott, Savannah

Tuesday, November 18
9:00 - 10:00  
OVERVIEW OF LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING  
* Hon. Kelley Powell, Henry County Probate Court

10:00 - Noon  
WARRANTS  
* Chief Judge George F. Hutchinson, III, Gwinnett County Magistrate Court

Afternoon  
COAG Joint Training  
(Time TBA)

Wednesday, November 19
9:00 - 11:00  
TEMPORARY, TESTAMENTARY & STANDBY GUARDIANSHIPS  
* Hon. Darin McCoy, Evans County Probate Court

11:00 - Noon  
Council of Probate Court Judges General Business Meeting

1:30 - 4:30  
Two Tracks to Choose From

Track 1:  
VITAL RECORDS  
* Richard Wheat, Director Vital Records  
* Amy Woodward, Program Consultant

Track 2:  
HUMANITIES: Misjudged  (Pre reading is required)  
* Hon. Gail Tusan, Author and Superior Court Judge

Brief Book Review:
In her debut novel, Misjudged, Gail Tusan Washington gives her readers an insider's view of some of the challenges of wearing a black robe. Judge Suzanne Vincent was a rising star at her Atlanta law firm when she was tapped to serve on the Atlanta District Court. Now she presides over the Family Docket where she rarely takes a break from the dysfunctional families that lawyers constantly dump into her judicial lap. Her chief judge wants her off the bench. Suzanne's effort to keep her seat forces her to deal publicly with what some call her record of misjudgment. Suzanne isn't spared her own personal drama. Her grandmother's unseemly death and mounting man issues only add to her problems. Bad gets worse when days before she is due to be reelected an eighteen-year-old secret turns her world upside down. Suzanne must make a far-reaching decision for which there is no legal precedent.

Thursday, November 20
9:00 - 11:00  
GEORGIA'S ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
* Ms. Susan Bentley, Metro District Manager, DHR, Division of Aging

11:00 - Noon  
PROCEDURAL DEMANDS OF A JURY TRIAL  
* Hon. Harris Lewis, Chatham County Probate Court  
* Atty. Rick Gnann, Chatham County
Evaluation
Probate Court Judges' Fall Seminar
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Overview of Legal Research and Writing 4.23
Hon. Kelley Powell 4.20
Comments:
- Very helpful.
- Need more time.
- Great subject- expand on it.
- Great class- good information!
- Kelley and Woody are great!
- Kelley did a good job!
- This was great! Kelley and Woody gave great needed information.

Warrants 4.00
Hon George Hutchinson 4.22
Comments:
- Very helpful.
- Not applicable to my court.
- Good speaker!
- This was very beneficial I believe to all probate judges whether you serve in whatever capacity.

COAG Joint Training 3.78
Speaker 3.89
Comments:
- Both good speakers and presented the topic- very knowledgeable.

Temporary, Testamentary & Standby Guardianships 4.66
Hon. Darin McCoy 4.56
Comments:
- Super thorough and well informed; always interesting.
- Good.
- As always, Darin does a great job. He is to the point and explains it in plain everyday language.
- Even without the visual aids he is terrific.!
- Very helpful. Good interaction with participants.
- Judge McCoy always explains in detail- Love classes like these; We always need to go over the duties of our office- these classes always give additional insight.

Vital Records 4.42
Mr. Richard Wheat 4.45
Ms. Amy Woodward 4.50
Comments:
- GREAT!!! Very useful and well presented.
- Excellent. Very pertinent topic. Mr. Wheat has done an excellent job in upgrading VR.
- Very useful, would like to have update each year.
- Excellent speaker- a "vital," interesting presentation.
Humanities: Misjudged 4.33
Hon. Gail Tusan 4.67
Comments:
- Turned into a great exercise in ethics. I very much enjoyed the new twist on learning.

Georgia’s Adult Protective Services 4.34
Ms. Susan Bentley 4.32
Comments:
- Very good. I’ll use this material.
- This helped me understand the state-wide problem with victims. Mrs. Bentley did a masterful job of identifying the issues and possible solutions.
- This topic was one that we need to have knowledge, due to the fact these situations occur and are often times presented to our court.

Procedural Demands of a Jury Trial 4.12
Hon. Harris Lewis 4.24
Atty. Rick Gnann 4.29
Comments:
- Interesting informative topic.
- Not applicable.

Additional Comments:
- Reviewing duties of the office- Judges Powell and McCoy did excellent jobs in detailing and all of us need reviewing- making sure we are all somewhat on the same page.
- I am very satisfied with the topics presented. Of course in the Spring we need the legislative case law update. Some of us need the required training for reading criminal records. We need the certification.
- How to handle discourteous attorneys as a lay judge- action allowed. Best practices- legal ramifications involved.
- Basic training was good. We need more.
- With all the money that we submit to COAG, it is very disappointing that they do not provide for all of our meals!!
- More presentations on actual cases that interpret and deal with Probate matter and recent court cases taken up on appeal and less presentations on humanities and psychological theories. Would like for seminar 1st hour start no sooner than 12-o-clock to allow participants to get there at beginning and not have to have afternoon of day before taken so we have to be there for 9-o-clock lectures.

Participants: 58    Evaluations: 44
HANDS ON SPANISH...AND the ICJE PRESENT:
SPANISH FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES
Thursday, November 20 from 9 am - 4 pm, Lunch from Noon to 1 pm
Author & Instructor: Stephanie H. Langston
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Instructor of Spanish, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
Owner & Developer of Hands on Spanish, a language service company, Monroe, GA.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE
After the successful completion of this course, participants should be able to:
1. correctly pronounce any word in Spanish,
2. understand basic Spanish grammar and use complete sentences when communicating,
3. greet a Spanish-speaking client and make polite conversation with him/her
4. tell time and dates in Spanish
5. provide customer service in Spanish
6. give directions in Spanish
7. communicate office/court procedures
8. gather necessary information
9. understand and answer frequently asked questions in Spanish
10. communicate on the phone in Spanish
11. identify both employees and clients in Spanish

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Evaluation
Spanish for Municipal Court Judges
November 20, 2008, Tifton

5 is the highest possible score

Spanish for Municipal Court Judges 4.40
Comments:
- Great presenter
- Enjoyed having the audio CDs to reinforce class material.
- Good communicator in both languages.
- Super.
- Instructor was outstanding and made a dull topic fun!

Mrs. Stephanie Langston, Hands on Spanish 5.00

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**Instructor-at-Large:** Anita Hendrix, an experienced Clerk of Court for Douglas County Magistrate Court, will be available throughout the program to assist clerks on an individual and confidential basis about court-related issues or concerns.

**Program Coordinator:** Dr. Lynda Hanscome: lynda@icje.law.uga.edu  
**Event Planner:** Ms. Jean Hughes: jean@icje.law.uga.edu
# EVALUATION

Magistrate Court Clerks & Secretaries Seminar
December 3 - 5, 2008 - Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel - Savannah, GA.

(5) Indicating the greatest approval

| Gangs of Georgia: How Gangs Impact You | 4.66 |
| Detective Marco Silva                 | 4.69 |

Comments:
- I believe that a lot of his information was only important to parents with kids and knowledge of raising them and recognizing if they are being influenced by gangs. There should have been more focus on the courts and protection for using the court system as employees.
- I think he covered more in-depth info the last year I heard him.
- Very informative - Eye opening.
- Very informative, but wanted more about magistrate court’s role in gang reduction/identification.
- He is always informative!
- Enjoyed very much - very informative on gangs.
- Very informative.
- Great for a parenting class. Good info but geared for parents.
- Much improved since I last heard his presentation.
- Very informative.
- This was a great help. Our community needs to be aware of this - I hope that we can come together and work something out.
- Keeps things going. Very well informed. Knows what he’s talking about.
- Excellent - wanted more.
- Very informative and interesting.
- Would like to have received a handout with the gang’s signs!
- Very informative; Very realistic; Right to the point.
- Good information.
- Topic well covered and an eye opener.
- Very informative - Great presentation.
- Very helpful, useful info.
- Interesting info that I had never been exposed to during my time in magistrate court.
- I enjoy hearing him. He does a good program.
- Needs to come every year.
- Did a excellent job! Very helpful.
- Believes in his work.
- Very informative.
- Very good.
- Very informative - Kept our attention.
- Excellent information. Should come every year to keep courts updated on new info.
- Detective Silva was excellent in providing very useful info about gang involvement.
- I really enjoyed his lecture.
Ms. Alison Crews 4.19
Comments:
Great Job!
Okay, but not a lot of info given. Hard to hear speaker.
Great Job! Ms. Crews enjoys serving the public and it shows.
She was very knowledgeable and I hope she teaches again.
Very informative - Can relate to the things she spoke off.
Informative but a lot of common knowledge.
She was good. It refreshes my manners and reminds me to be more courteous and helpful.
We really got a lot of useful info. I just could not understand all of what was been said.
Made session enjoyable with skit. Fun! Very informative.
Soft voice; talked rapidly; Could not understand all being said.
Has good ideas. She talked to low and to fast.
Very important topic and much needed.
Lost interest after 15-20 minutes - verged on boring. Okay speaker. Needs better communication skills.
To many breaks in speech - not concise. The more she teaches the better she will get. Second half better. Got rid of the nerves.
Maybe this section shouldn’t be as long. Maybe have a telephone educate class or even customer service expert come in and speak.
She gave good information. Needs to come every year.
Good Job! Made me think how to approach situations differently.
Silly to treat or talk to us as 1st graders.
Very informative - Kept our attention.
Should be more positive. Maybe have someone who specializes in customer service or leadership abilities (a lot of negative comments).

Orientation to Magistrate Court 4.66
Judge Joy Wright 4.72
Comments:
Very informative. Was very informative and she answered all our questions.
This was a great help to me as a new clerk. Wonderful - Excellent Job!
Great Speaker. Lots of helpful information.
Very Knowledgeable.

Quarterly Reports Overview 4.09
Ms. Rachael Collins, AOC 3.92
Comments:
Didn’t feel much of this was necessary. I personally think that could be done by memo or email-etc.
Very professional, good speaker.
Not very informative. Did not explain process well.
Confirms a lot of my experiences and shows that we all need a unified effective way to count everything.
I don’t deal with this yet because of being new but I was glad to have this information.
She should have explained how to get figures and her answering questions asked by audience was not heard by everyone (question/answer).
I do the quarterly report so she answered my questions thoroughly. Had I not been involved in the reporting I believe I would have been totally lost.
She was okay.
Did not relate to me. Deputy Clerk does not handle quarterly reports.
Straight to the point. Topic thoroughly covered. Very informative.
Learned couple of things new about not adding extra to forms and also website for free programs.
Great Job!! Clear as mud. Very informative.
Not very much useful information. To basic to gain any information.
Comments:
Honestly, very boring.
He did not give any information that I think that any judge shouldn’t have already told their clerks.
No real issues were discussed. Perhaps the handout will have some answers to my questions, but
frankly,
this class seemed like a waste of time. Disappointing because I was looking forward to this topic being
discussed.
Appreciate the handout with code sections and forms.
A lot of flipping back and forth in packet.
Info could have been organized according to outline and in a more reader friendly format.
Pages and pages of codes is very tedious to go through.
Once he got started it got more interesting.
He was supposed to discuss garnishments and he spent the first hour leading up to which was I felt very
unnecessary.
He skipped around a lot and talked about other things besides the garnishment.
Much needed topic but speaker did not convey information in a manner easily followed!
Skipped around a lot!
Needs to stick to Clerk’s issues. Too much on lawyer’s issues and judge’s issues. Too wordy and
verbose.
Disorganized lecture.
Wish there was more time because there was so much information or shorter into to basics to get
through it all.
The class was good but I could barely hear his speech.
I wasn’t sure what a Transverse was but before July I will.
Less legal info more procedures.
Handout great.
The speaker did not seem to complete a “thought”. He would start out talking about one thing and get
side tracked. “He seemed to be all pro-plaintiff”.
Not a great speaker - Dull and monotone.
Knowledgeable but monotone.
Did not feel that garnishment filing was really explained on our level. Perhaps having a clerk that has
proper experience and knowledge to teach us would offer more and better understanding where
garnishments are concerned.
Class to long.
Not very clear.
Need more info on this topic. Very broad topic.
Great speaker.
Presentation not geared toward clerks.
Handouts useful.
Great Job!!
Very helpful.
Good topic information; however, speaker’s voice hard to follow (hold your attention) too monotone.
No information given for clerks.
Rambling - Boring.
Very hard to hear!
Very boring!
A lot of helpful information. Could be shorter. Not very organized (went back and forth too much).
To long but informative, should take a more brass tack approach.
Very good handout.
Informative - just too long.
Judge Joy Wright  4.84

Comments:
She did a great job!
I think the class interrupted a lot.
I think the questions should have waited until the end maybe so she could have completed her class.
Great Job!
Excellent.
Always a pleasure to learn from Judge Wright.
Great Job!
Very helpful, Judge Wright excellent.
Learned a great deal!
Very helpful.
She is such a great speaker - my favorite - informed and confident!
Real class act!
Judge Wright did a great job.
Almost everyone had a questions about cheques and she was great.
I don't believe anyone left without an understanding of bad cheques.
Very informative.
Very good presentation and useful info.
Lots of good info.
Would have liked handouts.
I learned a lot.
I believe this was the best seminar.
Judge Wright’s personality makes her such a great teacher.
Awesome!
Very good.
Excellent!
Love it when she speaks.
Excellent info!
Would love for her to teach the garnishments!
Good information.
Presented very well.
We can’t have a meeting without Joy.
Good discussion.
Excellent Job!
Great!!
Always very informative - Excellent presentation.
Very good instructor, keeps everyone interested.
I always enjoy listening to Joy.
Great!
Good recap.
Excellent!
Very good.
This seminar was great.
I love to hear how other courts handle bad checks.
Comments:
She did a great job, but she was interrupted a few times and that wasn’t good.
She stated in the beginning she didn’t know some of it and folks should have paid attention to that.
Great Job!
Jennifer did a good job under the circumstances.
Kudos for Ms. Pritchett for volunteering.
Presenter was not as informed as she could have been, given that she is clerk of court. I think Judge Holt embarrassed her when was started firing questions from the back and ended up taking over her presentation.
As a speaker who was prepared to co-teach and abandoned at the last minute - she should be given another opportunity to try again.
Jennifer did a great job under the circumstances.
She researched her topic and I applaud her for that.
Very good for first time!
She did good for what she was suppose to research. She researched it very well.
Good for newbie!
Skimp incomplete info and lots of conflicting opinions.
Will be a good topic with some further research and refinement.
Bonus points for impromptu presentation in absence of Judge Thurman.
Glad there was a Q & A after because of the extra questions.
Everyone needs to know that FiFa’s are $2.00 Magistrate and $5.00 to Superior.
The clerks and judges were very rude to Jennifer.
She was only taught the way the judge has told her. I would have cried.
You could tell Ms. Pritchett was nervous and was reading handouts (I realize Judge Thurman was the lead speaker and was out sick).
Considering the circumstances Jennifer did well.
Did good for the 1st time. Also she handled her situation very well.
Grace under pressure = Ms. Pritchett.
Research efforts were great!
She will be good with more experienced!
Didn’t know much about it herself.
Thanks Jennifer for doing your best!
Great effort by Jennifer.
She handled her situation with grace and elegance.
Learned about 30 day change on integration.
Excellent Job! Needs to come next year.
GREAT JOB!
Very good.
Clerks could have showed a little bit more respect. I felt bad for her because people interrupted her presentation.
I felt Ms. Pritchett was butchered. You could tell she was nervous and the council just took over.
Judge Thurman was not present and a lot of the material was not available for the clerk. She did a great job considering her situation.
To be a "young" clerk, I think she did a good job.
She did her very best under stressful circumstances.
Overview good - After discussion very good.
She was not very well prepared.
Informative!
Informative and helpful.
This was very informative.
I enjoyed the lecture.
Overview
Bonita Preston, GBI 4.69
Comments:
I am a civil clerk. Have not been trained on criminal so it didn’t pertain to me and was not helpful because of that.
Informative - Good Speaker.
Great communicator.
Never used system - would love to.
Very informative.
Not all courts do this.
Very well presented session.
A lot of information to take in since I’m a new clerk and have no knowledge of this system. Seems very helpful.
I learned a lot but there is a lot more info that I need to know. I will contact the person who represents my county.
Bo, was very info about GCIC. We are having a represent come this Tuesday. But the judge was very rude again about the magistrate court not calling the county about this new program.
Very good!
EXCELLENT! Very knowledgeable.
I, and the individuals at my table, felt that she was irritated at being asked questions.
Very informative.
Very good.
Very informational!
Very informative. Good Job!
I really need more information on this topic. Agent Preston did an awesome job and provided new options.
Wish it could have been longer.
Wonderful job!!
This was very helpful and I would like to see more info on CCH & GCIC in future seminars.
Very interesting topic. Will be sure to inform our judges about the program.
Very knowledgeable.
We are most currently using this system. All information given was good.
Useful information - informative.
Very interesting and the trainer was clearly understood.
I don’t do much with GCIC but I think it is coming my way, so thank you for offering this class.

Panel of Experts 4.88
Comments:
Great Job!
Excellent informative session.
I am very impressed with the quality of panel.
Great - all questions were answered and benefitted those who asked them.
Thanks! Needed more time.
Great! Excellent! Good Panel.
Very good. Wonderful!
Many questions were answered. The panel of experts handled the task marvelously.
Great was usual.
Always great info need more direct answers - like yes and no.
Excellent Job. Need to come back next year.
Took up too much time!
There were a lot of great topics covered and great teaching. Dr. Hanscome is so awesome and makes people feel so welcome and comfortable. There are times when I feel like Judge Holt asks questions putting people on the defensive. Some questions should be asked to instructors in private. She is very knowledgeable and well spoken she should teach. The classes are great but I think most of this should already be known. I think some of the things talked about are for new clerks and not for older clerks. This has been a very good learning experience and should be very helpful in our office. Great Session!! The speakers need better microphones. The sound quality of the clip on wireless mics is very mushy and when the speaker has a lower pitch voice it is difficult to hear them clearly. Would love a list of everyone that attended the seminar with contact information. This would be a great way to keep in touch as well as for future questions. Also a list of council members and contact info. Any important email addresses. Any handouts that can be given are great. If cost effective would a binder with all class info be possible? The info in new clerks training was great. After re-joining the whole group the next day I thought the info from the new clerk’s training would have been helpful for everyone since some of the things talked about in new clerk’s training came up the next day. As a new clerk and the first seminar that I have attended I was very disappointed in the way my fellow clerks dressed. I was shocked in the way people acted in the seminar. The hotel was very nice, the food could have been a lot better. I was told that the food was great and the county I worked in has paid for this seminar. One clinic were great, wonderful and very helpful. Instructor: Glen - very informative but couldn’t hear half the time. Seems to know a lot. This was my very first seminar. It was a truly enlightening experience being in the same room with so many educated, professional people. Thank you so much. I feel that a session should be discussed on office management and role responsibility. Senior clerks should have the respect of new clerks. New clerks should be given respect and understand their position. It has been a few years since I have been to school and had gained more info then, than I received this time. This was a good schooling. Thank you so much for the opportunity to come to these classes and the info, it’s so very helpful. Hope we have this opportunity each year. Twice a year gives more of us the opportunity to attend which is great - we can all do a better job. We need a segment on writing warrants, what is the DA’s and Superior Court Judges expectations are. I think we should also have something like adopt a county. A county sit with another county and spend that day with them so that we can get to know each other. For example if it’s a 2 or 3 day class you adopt a different county for each day. Would like to come back but maybe in September. Thank you for all you do. I found during these classes most all courts do the same. Maybe all magistrate judges need to get together and agree on one standard operating procedures. Everyone seems to do something different which makes this a difficult training session. I’m still not sure who is right and who is wrong on the information received. Even the judges disagree with one another. Judges do not always come back an inform staff of information on changes. Can an email list be created to include the clerks? So we will know about changes or new information. Overall a very good training session.

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<td>Introduction to Associated Court Organizations COAG Information, Etc.</td>
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<td>Council of Probate Judges and Committees</td>
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| 8:00 - 9:00 | | | |
| 9:00 - 11:00 | Jurisdiction, Powers, Purposes-Probate Ct. | Hon. William J. Self II, Bibb Co. Probate Court | 2.5 |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Principles of Service & Notice | Hon. Lynwood Jordan, Jr., Forsyth Probate Court | .5 |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Group Lunch | | |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Compromised Claims / Conservatorship | Hon. Kelley Powell, Henry Co. Probate Court | |
| 2:00 - 5:00 | Benchbook, Handbook & Associated Forms | Hon. Pinkie Toomer, Fulton Co. Probate Court, Hon. Pam Ferguson, Clayton Co. Probate Court | 2.5 |

| Wednesday, 12/08 | Guardianship of Incapacitated Adult | Hon. William J. Self, II, Bibb Co. Probate Court | 1.5 |
| 8:00 - 10:00 | Year's Support Determinations | Hon. Lillis Brown, Rockdale Co. Probate Court | .5 |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Group Lunch | | |
| 1:00 - 3:00 | Effective Judicial Communications-Videos Your Case in Probate Ct. AND A Day in the Life of Judge Thomas Paxton | Lead by Hon. Tammy Brown, Barrow Co. Probate Court | 2 |
| 3:00 - 5:00 | Guardianships | Hon. Darin McCoy, Evans Co. Probate Court | 1.5 |

| Thursday, 12/11 | Licenses and Permits | Hon. Darin Mccoy, Evans Co. Probate Court | 1.5 |
| 8:00 - 10:00 | Conducting Probate Court Hearings | Hon. Susan Tate, Clarke County Probate Court | 1.5tr |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Group Lunch | | |
| 1:00 - 3:00 | Basic Evidence | Professor Paul Milich, GA State College of Law | 1.5tr |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | Probate of Wills | Hon. Eddie Hulsey, Haralson Co. Probate Ct. | 1 |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Administration | Hon. Henry Baker, Newton Co. Probate Court | 1 |
| 6:00 | Group Dinner Sponsored by the Probate Judges Retirement Fund | | |

| Friday, 12/12 | Mandatory Monthly Reporting-Civil Fees | Ms. Rachel Rice, Superior Crt. Clerks Authority | .5 |
| 8:00 - 9:00 | | | |
| 9:00 - 11:00 | Track I: Traffic Laws | Ms. Jennifer Ammons, Dept. Drivers Services | 2.5 |
| 11:00 - Noon | Track 1: Fees & Fines | Rachel Rice, Superior Court Clerks Authority | |
| 9:00 - Noon | Track II: Presiding over Jury Trials, Clarke Co. | Hon. Kent Lawrence, State Court of Clarke Co. | 2.5tp |
Evaluation
NEW Judge Orientation Probate Court Judge
December 8-12, 2008

5 is the highest possible score

Overview of Legal Research and Writing 4.83
Hon. Kelley Powell 5.00
Comments:
-A+
-She did a great job, but having gone to law school, it was BORING and a WASTE OF TIME. Maybe let lawyer judges skip this part.
-Excellent
-Very good speaker
-Encouraging! Easy to listen to!

Associated Court Organizations 4.88
Mr. Patterson, Judge Buxton 5.00
Comments:
-A+
-Excellent info & good presentation. Gave me a lot of new info.
-Chris Patterson has always, continues to be of great assistance and always eager to assist.

Council of Probate Judges: 4.88
Judge Brown: 5.00
Comments:
-A+
-Good job at making us feel like we can get help from sitting judges. Some info repetitive of prior speakers.
-Good speaker

Code of Judicial Conduct: 5.00
Richard Reaves: 4.88
Comments:
-A+
-I finally got to hear the “real” very knowledgeable Rich Reaves! Thank you!

Jurisdiction, Powers, & Purposes of Probate Court: 5.00
Judge Self: 5.00
Comments:
-A+
-Wish we had a handout with the information in it.
-Excellent teacher

Principles of Service & Notice: 4.94
Judge Jackson: 
Comments: 
- Very necessary information. Important for judges to know!
- Specific types of service and when to use them would've been helpful

Compromised Claims/Conservatorship 
Judge Powell: 
Comments: 
-A+
-Good job!

Benchbook, Handbook, & Associated Forms: 
Judge Toomer, Judge Ferguson: 
Comments: 
-Excellent
-A+
-We need benchbook to reference when being taught about it!
- It would've been helpful to have used benchbook and forms.
- Wish we could have had a benchbook
-Good speaker- needed more content.

Guardianship: 
Judge McCoy: 
Comments: 
-Easy to understand
-A+
-Fantastic teacher
-Excellent speaker and teacher

Year's Support: 
Judge Brown: 
Comments: 
-Great teacher

Effective Judicial Communication: 
Judge Brown: 
Comments: 
-A+
-videos were a little long
-Great

Licenses and Permits: 
Judge McCoy, Judge Brown: 
Comments: 
-A+
-McCoy did a great job. Good materials. Brown– better to get materials in books rather than
separate handout—good job!!
-Very good instructor
-More time on fire arms
-Excellent

**Conducting Probate Court Hearings:** 4.31
Judge Tate: 4.20
Comments:
-A+
-hard to follow, sorry
-Very nice judge. Rambles a little too much. Would have been better to stay on topic.
-Topic very much needed
-Nice lady—not prepared
-Not organized
-Unorganized! Wanders—pleasant personality—not informative

**Basic Evidence:** 4.93
Professor Paul Milich: 4.93
Comments:
-A+
-LOVED IT! Very helpful.
-Excellent job. TOP NOTCH!
-Excellent!
-very helpful
-Kelley liked how he taught the class
-Serious and funny
-Great presentation
-Very funny

**Probate of Wills:** 4.69
Judge Hulsey: 4.56
Comments:
-A+
-Good job
-“How to” would’ve been useful
-Need more time on this
-Too mundane
-Basically read handout! We can read!

**Administration:** 4.50
Judge Baker: 4.00
Comments:
-Good topic!
-Gotta love him, but not the best teacher.
-A little boring
-Very kind!
Mandatory Monthly Reporting Tasks: 4.94
Rachel Rice: 4.93
Comments:
-A+
-Very good teacher

Traffic: 5.00
Jennifer Ammons: 5.00
Comments:
-A+
-Great presentation

Presiding Over Jury Trials: 5.00
Judge Kent Lawrence: 5.00
Comments:
-N/A

Other Suggested Topics:
-Vital Records!

Additional Comments:
-Enjoyed the training and the instructors. The facilitators were great! Exceeded my expectations. Thanks for a job well done!
-Allowing Art. 6 judges to test out of some of the basic history, basic statute and basic legal information would be very helpful.
-Also, doing a dinner at which everyone is introduced and conversation encourage to assist in meeting and socializing with the other judges EARLIER in the week than the last night.
-I want to thank our facilitator “Kathy” for doing a marvelous job! “New judges” are also “new” to the rigors of training and she handled it like a champ! Thanks for everything Kathy!

Participants: 26  Evaluations: 18
# ICJE CURRICULUM

## 8-Hour New Chief Magistrate Boot Camp

**Thursday, December 11, 2008**

Georgia Center and Dean Rusk Center, North Campus, UGA (next to Main Library)

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<td>Welcome by Judge Al Willis and Council Information</td>
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<td>Attorney Cheryl Custer</td>
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<td>5 Basic Rules of Employment Law</td>
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<td>Introduction to Magistrate Court Judges Retirement System &amp; General Q&amp;A as time permits</td>
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**MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDIT:** This program offers 2 MCLE hours and .5 Ethics Hour. If you wish to purchase MCLE credits, follow instructions on the enclosed form which is provided for your convenience.

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EVALUATION
New Chief Magistrate Boot Camp - December 11, 2008
(5) Greatest Approval

Council Information 4.76
Judge Al Wills 4.82
Comments:
Very personable and well informed.

Basics of the JQC & What Every New Judge Should Know 4.81
Attorney Cheryl Custer 4.76
Comments:
Outstanding Speaker!

5 Basic Rules of Employment Law 5.00
Judge William Clifton 4.88
Comments:
Excellent!

Mentor Program 4.75
Dr. Lynda Hanscome 4.71
Comments:
None

Magistrate Court Rules 5.00
Judge Wade Padgett 4.94
Comments:
Very knowledgeable!
Too fast and furious for a brand new, know nothing like me.
Great info! Just couldn’t grasp it in that short amount of time.

Title 15, Chapter 10 4.33
Judge Jeff Davis 4.13
Comments:
Great Job!
This should be the first class and get much longer time period (Maybe 50%).
Brand New people know nothing and this sounds like square one.

Introduction to Magistrate Court 4.73
Judges Retirement System
Mr. Bob Carter 4.80
Comments:
Wonderful presentation!

Additional Comments:
Great Session!
Informative - On Point.
Kudos to AL for developing this boot camp.

Total Participants: 20  Total Evaluations: 17
NEW JUDGE ORIENTATION JANUARY 21, 2009
For new judges sworn in after January 1, 2008.

### Wednesday, January 21

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DEATH PENALTY SEMINAR, JANUARY 21-22, 2009
GEORGIA CENTER, ATHENS, GEORGIA
for Judges Assigned to Preside in Death Penalty Cases in the Next 2 Years.

### Wednesday, January 21

Refreshment Breaks at 9:50-10:10 and 2:50-3:10

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### Thursday, January 22

Refreshment Break at 9:50-10:10

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<td>Orientation of SRL's to Family Court Proceedings: Cobb Circuit Approach</td>
<td>Ms. Linda McClain, Judge Mary Staley &amp; Judge Lark Ingram</td>
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<td>Addressing Public Perceptions about the Effectiveness of Ga Courts: Discussion and Responses to Problems</td>
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<td>Elder Abuse in Ga: Contending w/ Emerging Trends</td>
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<td>Criminal Procedure Review &amp; Update: Judge's Handling of Batson Motions, Panel Discussion</td>
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## Evaluation

**Winter Seminar for Superior Court Judges, January 22-23, 2009**

*5 is the highest possible score*

### Child Support Calculator

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**Comments:**
- Judge Ott is a powerful, dynamic speaker with a compelling message for all of us.
- Informative.
- Very informative.
- Clear presentation.
- Well done. More on this subject is in order.
- Covered an unfamiliar area, so this was good.
- Needed less involvement from moderator – more from panel participants.
- Very informative.
- Good.

### Family Court Proceedings

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**Comments:**
- I plan to try to implement a similar self-help program. Valuable and pertinent.
- Judge should use microphone when sitting on panel.
- Very informative.
- Nice to know. Won’t use it in our area.
- However, little relevance to use in very small areas.

### Public Perception of Courts

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**Comments:**
- Very entertaining. A good use of an educational hour. Thought provoking and useful.
- Why not someone from the media or journalism school on panel? And C.J. Becker should sit
close to the mic.
- Very informative.
- Good discussions and challenging issues.
- Judge Becker did a great job with hypo’s to Carlson. Carlson, as always, was articulate and informative.
- Very good. Bears repeating.
Great discussion.
- Good and practical.

**Elder Abuse**

Pat King

**Comments:**
- Good use of graphics.
- Very informative.
- Interesting, but no real relevance to our jobs.
- Very helpful. Speaker really feels it!
- Excellent topic.

**Eyewitness Testimony**

Paul Milich

**Comments:**
- Not as substantive as usual.
- Important stuff!
- Good materials.
- Very informative.
- Good as usual especially with the material.
- Need this!
- Always great.
- Great speaker thrust into a poorly-based agenda.
- Always good!
- Expand to evidence coverage.
- Since we do not have a video of all crimes we have to use eyewitnesses.
- Great review.
- He is always excellent.
- Paul does a great job.

**Professional Ethics**

Pat Longan

**Comments:**
- Excellent, pertinent and interesting.
- Very informative.
- Interesting perspective.
- Scary!
- Good atonal.
Excellent. Need more of these sessions.
- Very good would like more.
- Good questions and discussion. Challenging issues.
- Very helpful
Very good topic. Presented did a great job.
**Tort Reform**  
Tom Eaton  

**Comments:**  
- Always cogent and effective.  
- Well informed, but a bit tedious.  
- Good update  
- Very informative.  
- This should have been 2 hours instead of zoning.  
- Excellent.

**Zoning Cases**  
Frank Jenkins  
Peter Olson  
Clarence Seeliger  

**Comments:**  
- Peter Olson did a great job covering the subject matter. Frank Jenkins appears to be leading expert in the field and he did an excellent job also.  
- Good to have a review of this.  
- Olson - while knowledgeable, is terribly dry in style. However, whole topic is dry.  
- Make this 1 hour.  
- Two hours was way too long. This is such a small part of our job and the law is pretty stable.  
- Boring!!  
- Good material, boring.  
- Great knowledge of material.  
- Helpful and informative.  
- Only heard one hour of this session. Excellent handouts.

**Criminal Procedure**  
Jack Goger  
Perry Brannen  
Bill Reinhardt  
Susan Forsling  
Ed Tolley  

**Comments:**  
- Well presented entertaining and of great utility.  
- Not criminal procedure, but good discussion.  
- Material is A+.  
- Too detailed in introduction of panel members.  
- Make this 2 hours.  
- Need more time.  
- Could have used 1 hour from zoning.  
- This is great. Panel made it work. Not all panel discussions work.  
- Give them 2 hours.  
- Very useful discussion.  
- Thought it was to be criminal procedures!  
- Too many topics and not enough time.
Final Comments:
- Good selection for a two-day conference.
- Please keep breakfast open until 9 a.m. 7-8 is unrealistic. Many of us do not go to the 8 a.m. class and it is a waste to set up for only 1 hour. J. Bedford. Thanks.
- There was more substantive and important topics presented in this abbreviated seminar than in many of the past seminars.
- On Friday, I would have liked to have criminal procedure be 2 hours and thereby reduce zoning to 1 hour.
- Death penalty classes were very helpful, well presented and informative.
- Would like an update in case law regarding equitable remedies, especially injunctions.
- Would also like visitation/parenting time in difficult divorce (post divorce etc) e.g. substance abuse, long distance, deployments, supervised etc.
- Would like a habeas corpus review.
- Would like to see Managing a “Bad” Lawyer... get a panel and have judge give anecdotal war story etc... Not just “bad” lawyers who are incompetent, but the good lawyers who enjoy ticking off the judge.
- Should not have classes and committee meetings at the same time. We only got 11 hours for attending Thursday and Friday. Judges who want to have disruptive conversations in class should do so outside the classroom. This is discourteous to the presenters and prevents others from hearing what is being said or questions from the audience.
- Time for Friday, better use for criminal 2 hours and zoning 1 hour only.
- Zoning is really not a big issue in most jurisdictions. Cannot imagine why a 2-hour session was scheduled.
- Housekeeping matter, and I know budget considerations may have influenced it, but the Friday breakfast was lacking in quality and variety. Biscuits, croissants should be filled with meat. Eggs, grits, cereal and fruit are never a bad choice and done well by the GA Center.
- Why didn’t the public perceptions presentation count as professionalism/Ethics? It covered several judicial issues. Not complaining, just thinking it would have been more fair to make all the judges pay for the first 100 or 150 miles and reimburse above that level. That said, I appreciate the $ made available.
- More time needed for child support and parenting plans. Committee meetings should not be on same day as instructional classes. Missed classes to go to committee meetings.
- Good programs.
- This was a very good seminar.
- The elder law was very helpful. Thank you for putting on such a good program in these challenging times.
- Compressed format not bad. Subject and presenters were better than expected.
- Thanks for putting this seminar together for us!

Participants: 191   Evaluations: 63
2008-09 New Judges Orientation: For Georgia State Court Judges
January 28 - 30, 2009, Hilton Garden Inn, Athens, GA
{Judge Jeanette Little (Troup Co.), Presiding Dean}

Wednesday, 1-28-09
9:30 to 10:30  Intro to Council of State Court Judges Mr. Bob Bray*, CSC, & Judge John Carbo* (Clayton Co.),
10:30 to 11:00 Intro to State Courts Benchbook Judge Wayne Purdom* (DeKalb Co.)
11:00 to 12:00 Therapeutic Adjudication: “Discerning / Handling the Nuts & Dolts in Criminal Cases” Judge Linda Cowen* (Clayton Co.)
12:00 to 1:00 Group Luncheon w/ Speaker: Judge Janis Gordon* (DeKalb Co.), “Life Changes”
1:00 to 4:00 Criminal Law & Procedure: Nuts and Bolts Judge John Carbo* (Clayton Co.)
4:00 to 5:00 Innovations in Jury Management (Care & Feeding of Jurors) Judge Ben Studdard* (Henry County)
6:30 Group Dinner, Out at Local Restaurant

Thursday, 1-29-09
7:30 to 8:30  Group Breakfast, on Site
8:30 to 10:00 Evidence “for Dummies” Judge Gary Mikell* (Bulloch Co.)
10:00 to 12:00 DUI: The Seminal Cases in GA Atty. Joe L'Oiselle*
12:00 to 1:00 (continued) DUI: The Seminal Cases in GA Joe L'Oiselle*
1:00 to 2:00 Nuts & Bolts of Routine Civil Cases Judge Roland Castellanos* (Cobb Co.)
2:00 to 3:00 Domestic Violence: State Court Response Judge Melodie Clayton* (Cobb Co.)
3:00 to 5:00 Group Dinner, Out at Local Restaurant

Friday, 1-30-09
7:30 to 8:30  Group Breakfast, on Site
8:30 to 10:00 Effective Trial Management Judge Bob Mock* (Gwinnett Co.)
Or (for small and rural State Courts) How To Do It On Your Own Judge Wm. Bass (Grady County)
10:00 to 11:00 Court Technology: Demonstration of the Electronic Benchbook & Other Available Facilities Judge Joe Iannazzone* (Gwinnett Co.)
11:00 to 12:00 Sentencing: Including Effective Use of Probation Services Judge Fletcher Sams* (Fayette Co.)
12:00 to 1:00 Group Luncheon w/ Speaker: Judge Charlie Mikell# (GA Court of Appeals), “Obviating Appellate Reversal”
1:00 to 2:00 Judicial Conduct & Ethics Atty. Rich Reaves*, ICJE
2:00 to 5:00 DDS Policies & Practices, Regarding Traffic Citation Adjudication, and Driver’s License Suspension, Revocation & Reinstatement Atty. Jennifer Ammons*, DDS
16 HOUR CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS
February 10-11, 2009, Georgia Center, Athens

The Municipal Courts Training Council and the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education ask that you adhere to these guidelines called The 4 Os:
1. Children are not to be in the meeting room;
2. Cellular phones and other electronic devices are to be silenced;
3. Conversation is to be kept to a minimum;
4. Clothing is to be appropriate for the courts.

Tuesday, February 10
8:00-8:50 am GCIC Records, Ms. Christina Watts - bringing handouts
8:50-9:00 Stretch Break
9:00-9:50 GCIC Records
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break
10:10-11:00 GCIC records, Ms. Christina Watts
11:00-11:10 Stretch Break
11:10-noon GCIC records, Ms. Christina Watts

noon-1:00 planned luncheon
1:00-1:50 pm DDS Update - DDS Personnel - Tab 1
1:50-2:00 Stretch Break
2:00-2:50 DDS Update -Continued
2:50-3:10 Refreshment Break

3:10-4:00 pm Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority, Training Session on Fees Submittal -Tab 2
handout in material
4:00-4:10 Stretch Break
4:10-5:00 pm Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority

Wednesday, February 11
8:00-8:50am Routine Paperwork, Hon. Tommy Bobbitt - Tab 3
8:50-9:00 Stretch Break
9:00-9:50 Routine Paperwork Continued
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break
10:10-11:00 What a Judge Expects form a Clerk, Hon. Tommy Bobbitt

11:00-noon Records Retention, Mr. Andrew Taylor
noon-1:00 Group Luncheon

1:00-1:50 Ethics for Clerks, Hon. Nelly Withers, Hon. Michael Cielinski, Mr. Jeff West - Tab 4
1:50-2:00 Stretch Break
2:00-2:50 pm Group Discussion--Ms. Faye Brantley, Mr. Jeff West, discussion leaders
2:50-3:10 Refreshment Break

3:10-4:00 pm Report from discussions--commonalities, remaining questions, led by clerks
4:00-4:10 Stretch Break
4:10-5pm Bonds, Hon. Dennis Still - Tab 5
Evaluation
16 Hour Certification Course for New Municipal Court Clerks
February 10-11, 2009, Georgia Center, Athens
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GCIC Records 4.85
Christina Watts 4.76
Comments:
- Very helpful understanding what they want/expect.
- I now understand more about what I need to do.
- Hard to follow acronyms when you are a new clerk.
- Very Good info. given.
- Good info, enjoyed.

DDS Update 4.92
Jennifer Ammons 4.84
Comments:
- Good speaker, very informative.
- Suspensions and reporting info to DDS are great topics.
- Very helpful in understanding this part of our job.
- Good info.
- Good reference to DDS Policies, very helpful with statutes and the role of them.

SCCC Authority 4.5
Authority Personnel 4.52
Comments:
- The speaker appeared unprepared. I felt that I knew as much as he did – and I didn’t know anything.
- Would have been helpful to hear from the GSCCCA.
- Good info.
- Fill in did a great job.

Routine Paperwork 4.85
Tommy Bobbitt 4.88
Comments:
- Very Informative
- Good to hear the case law and liability applying to clerks.
- He made the info interesting with his experiences as Judge.
- Very good.
- Very helpful.
- Excellent info.
- Good info. and delivered nicely.

Your Judge Expects 4.76
Tommy Bobbitt 4.92
Comments:
- Very Informative
- Very Good.
- Very helpful.
- Excellent info., broken down very good.
- Great info.
Records Retention
Andrew Taylor 4.92
Comments:
-Loved It!
-I wish there were certain records names or form that must be in each case file so there isn’t a grey area, just black and white.
-Good speaker very informative and fun.
-Enjoyed it, great to have the retention schedule and nice to know we can call.
-Helpful.
-Very Helpful, Great!
-Very helpful.
-Very good.
-Extremely helpful info.

Ethics for Clerks 4.77
Panel Discussion 4.75
-Judge Withers is Amazing!
-Judge Withers was wonderful and I enjoyed the customer service discussions.
-Good questions, nice to hear Judge’s answers and perspectives.
-Helpful.
-Would like to see more time on this segment.

Group Discussion 4.51
Panel Members 4.62
- Enjoying hearing the topics covered by the clerks and discussion it provoked.
- Helpful.
- Enjoyed and learned a lot.
- Great discussions.

Bonds 4.73
Dennis Still 4.75
-Lots of info about bonds (we don’t deal too much with that where I am collecting), however, discussion about warrants and making sure you check yourself—making sure someone isn’t arrested by mistake would be helpful.
-Helpful.
-Tough topic to sit through at the end of the course.
-Informative

Final Comments:
-I have found only positive things in this class. All topics and instructors were knowledgeable and very helpful. I wish I could have taken this course earlier. If anything negative, I wish the course was longer to allow time to learn more about my job & to learn more job skills. The class is great and I have definitely benefitted from this course.
- Overall was very educational. I learned a lot of useful info that will hopefully help me as a clerk and to do my job to the best of my knowledge. All the instructors gave out a lot. Ms. Kathy Mitchem was a very great host that took care of me/us. I really appreciate everything that was done or given. I feel refreshed. I feel good about taking on this job. The training Feb. 10 & 11th was just good from beginning to end. Thank You.

Participants: 28 Evaluation: 28
# 40-Hour Criminal Basic Certification Curriculum

New, Non-Attorney Magistrates  
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| 10-11                   | Magistrate Council Information A. Willis**  
| 11-12                   | Mentor/Mentoree Program L. Hanscome  
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| 10-12                    | JQC/Ethics C. Custer  
| 1-5                      | Deposit Account Fraud J. Wright  

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* Also Instructor at Large (Day of Monday (2/23)  
**Also Instructor at Large (Day of Tuesday (2/24)

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| Introduction to Criminal Law Concepts | 4.59   | Judge Rick Faber | Very informative!  
The topics are needed and need to be covered.  
The 22 years of law enforcement I have gives me a better understanding.  
Judge Faber did a great job.  
Good!  
I really enjoyed the lecture and feel like I gained a lot of helpful and positive information.  
Good speaker. Very good - questions allowed and discussion.  
Super Speaker! Enjoyed immensely! Engaged us, thanks.  
Good class - Instructor knowledgeable.  
Good! | (5) Greatest Approval |
| Introduction to Georgia Evidence | 4.68   | Judge Mike McLaughlin | Interesting!  
Topic was interesting.  
Enjoyed the speaker. However, I think that using a guide to follow the speaker is more helpful.  
Very Good! Excellent and informative instruction - used great illustration with video and explained thoroughly.  
Good! Very good presentation.  
Good - a lot of discussion. Liked his style. Honest talking with us - Appreciated.  
Good class. Excellent! | |
| Crash Course in Preliminarily Criminal Issues | 4.91   | Judge James Thurman | Great!  
The topic and the speaker were both great. One of the best speakers I’ve ever heard!!  
Great job with classroom interaction.  
Very Good! Very enjoyable and gave lots of good information. Good Speaker.  
Judge Thurman was excellent. Love the way he keeps our attention.  
Super presentations using humor as interest getting technique - use of everyday events as example.  
Judge Thurman really kept my attention. Great instructor.  
Really held your attention. Great presentation.  
Very good - a lot of discussion. Kept everyone listening and involved.  
As usual - enjoyed immensely! Learned new approaches.  
Excellent presentation. Covered topic well. As a presenter kept class flowing and fresh.  
Excellent presenter! Really brought out the courtroom experiences in his training! Great Choice! | |
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<td>The Council info presented was very informative and does good job for the magistrates.</td>
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<td>I think he was very informative, just wish it had been in this curriculum booklet for future reference. Although I will try to keep notes taken anyway.</td>
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<td>Informative!</td>
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<td>Timely information on magistrates responsibilities.</td>
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<td>The program is a great tool for new magistrates. Builds relationships.</td>
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<td>Did not know of or about mentoring program until one week prior to training. Now have a mentor and am excited about completing the program.</td>
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<td>Useless! Just Kidding - Appropriate time.</td>
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<td>Laid out adequately what we must do in order to successfully complete the mentor program.</td>
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Courtroom Observation (Criminal) 4.82

Comments:
Courtroom experience was excellent.
The on-site training is where I always learn the most.
I learned how to handle Preliminary Hearings.
Excellent - need more visits.
Enjoyed the courtroom observation.
It's interesting to see how other courts conduct their courtroom.
I think the Preliminary or Committal Hearings are the most foreboding kind of cases. To me that was the best kind of case to have in a training class.
Excellent learning opportunity.
Very helpful.
Useful and enjoyable.
Very interesting.
Informative!
Other courtroom observations would be greatly advantageous.
Good experience.
Excellent part of this seminar.
I know time is a factor, but a civil hearing would be beneficial.
Excellent would do it again.
Judge Barron very knowledgeable.
Being able to be in the courtroom with Judge Barron during the proceeding was an excellent experience!!
Maybe see some First Appearance Hearings would be beneficial!!
Court field trip - Great.
Very articulate, thorough in conducting individual hearings. Took a point under advisement to decide later.
Excellent!

Domestic Violence 101 4.76
Judge Patricia Barron 4.82
Dr. Lynda Hanscome 4.79

Comments:
It's a great topic for new judges to cover.
This is one topic that we will encounter almost daily.
Very Good! Lot of questions answered.
Video was powerful.
Judge Barron and Dr. Lynda Hanscome did a great job.
Very helpful to answer questions.
Very knowledgeable and helpful.
Good Speakers.
Materials given and movie was great. Really gets you thinking.
Professional, experienced and sharing.
Very good - lots of questions and answers.
Excellent!
Great, thought-provoking film.
Made me think of different mind set re: Domestic Violence.
Great Experience and Knowledge!
Transcends all social-economics - Can happen in affluent as well as poor houses.
Excellent!
Very helpful.
### Arrest Warrants

**Attorney Tom Cook**  
**Score:** 4.88

**Comments:**
- Great class experience - Examples in other classes.
- Good exercise.
- Enjoyed the exercise on role playing.
- Mr. Cook involved the classroom in exercises that I really enjoyed. Great speaker.
- Very good information.
- The exercises were very helpful.
- Excellent learning session on writing warrants. Had to really think and implement the training.
- Very informative. Excellent hands on exercises.
- Enjoyed class activity. Very good - Real examples.
- Good! Enjoyed working with partners and “mock” segment. Thanks.
- Excellent. Good class participation.
- Excellent class. Would like to have more hands on. Good instructor.
- Excellent! Realize that all warrants have consequences in the lives of people. Good to know.
- Good!

### Conducting Legal Research

**Dr. James Donovan**  
**Score:** 4.09

**Comments:**
- I had no idea how much information was out on the Web for us to access. Great Topic.
- Good!
- The information was good to have. The first hour was not as applicable to our job in my opinion as the second hour. But I am sure I will use all info given.
- Learned how to research a lot of (free) necessary information.
- Helpful!
- Knowledgeable however, personal mannerisms distract method of presentation - is hard to follow.
- Handout info excellent only to small to read.
- Could have been done in a shorter time frame. Too much repetition in some degrees.
- Good information. Great resources given. Thanks.
- Was done in Civil and one time is enough!
- Good information for sources of free legal advice.
- Hard to keep up with not very interesting.
- Very helpful information.

### JQC

**Attorney Cheryl Custer**  
**Score:** 4.85

**Comments:**
- Scary! Got my attention. Mrs. Custer is a good speaker.
- This is the second time I’ve heard Mrs. Custer. I honestly can say that she is a pleasure to listen to.
- Presents the topic well and gets her point across.
- Very Good!
- Great Speaker! Enjoyed very much.
- Excellent training. Learned so much!
- Always interesting. Excellent!
- Tremendous wealth of information and assists in interpreting of JQC rules.
- Great presenter - Great examples.
- Very Good - If it does not pass the smell test it probably will not fly! Be above reproach in court dealings.
- Excellent! Very impressed with the way JQC handles complaints.
Deposit Account Fraud  4.85  
Judge Joy Wright  4.79  
Comments:  
Some information was incorrect and inconsistent.  
Very helpful in teaching us how to discuss different types of bad check forgeries or account fraud.  
Very good class.  
Good Instructor.  
Super! She answered so many questions. Enjoyed!  
Very good - Lots of examples and questions.  
Very thorough.  
Informative!  
Extensive information and knowledgeable in subject matter however, instructor was easily misguided from criminal to civil and had to return to criminal topics.  
Good presentation - New info was given that is different from how our county does. Intend to introduce the citation info to Chief Magistrate. Should be beneficial.  
Very helpful!  
Very good speaker! Allowed attendees to ask all questions.  
Very good. A lot of good info - learned a lot.  
Learned several things that our office could improve on. Classroom participation was great.  
Great!  
Excellent examples.  
Excellent!  
Very Good.  

Search & Seizure Issues  4.88  
Judge Jeff Foster  4.85  
Judge Mike Burke  4.82  
Comments:  
Practical advice - Good on knock or no knock warrants.  
Needed to be earlier in week. Last should be Mentor and Research if needed.  
Extremely helpful and very thorough.  
Super information - Great teaching.  
Very good information.  
Excellent, they were perfect for a Friday morning.  
Informative and useful.  
Presentation was dynamic with a real zest towards the topic.  
Due to the serious nature of this topic more time should be devoted to it.  
Great Job!!  
Excellent!  
Lots of good information.  
I had difficulty hearing Judge Burke.  
Very good - Needed this class a lot.  
Several things were brought up in discussion that I was not aware of. I will be changing some of my requirements. GREAT TOPIC!!!  
Great!  
Excellent!  
Excellent Information.  
Excellent!
Additional Comments:
Very well organized workshop with exceptional speakers. Workshop aimed at magistrates with limited policy backgrounds.
I wish we could have spent a little more time in a criminal or ordinance trial. The ELO was a very informative day. Would like to have held a mock criminal trial or arraignment. But overall I feel like this forty hours of training will make me a whole lot better judge armed with the knowledge to find the answers and render good judgment fairly.
Introduction of Participants - allow participants to briefly introduce themselves at the beginning of the session.
Handout a class participant’s roster first day.
Maybe could include some “completed” examples of actual police reports and warrants.
Overall course invaluable, with highly versatile instructors and subject matter. Look forward to returning in August/September.
LEARNED SO MUCH! Excellent training, can’t wait for September training.
Very Good Class.
Would like more space to keep benchbooks and other materials during the forty hour course. I sat three at a table and that was pretty crowded.
I think it would be good for new judges to observe First Appearance Hearings.
Meeting and having fellowship with the other judges was a great experience. Made great friends.
This program is A+. The training was great!!
Thank you! Dr. Hanscome and Jean, along with all the instructors.
More actual court proceedings. Participate in search warrant (if practical).
A crash course for those with NO experience (no law enforcement background).
Excellent program. All the presenters were very passionate about their jobs and the knowledge they shared with the group was informative. There is no way you can cover all the material and all the logistics and legal issues until you actually practice in your court. At first I complain about the forty hour course, it was a lot to take in at one time, but I learned so much. The interaction and sharing with group as a whole was a learning experience.
I would suggest including in the manual a list of legal terms most often used in magistrate court and their definitions.
Outstanding Program!
Dr. James Donovan, not saying that he is bad, just a little hard to follow. Maybe just me - Not really a problem -Seemed like a nice guy.

Participants: 39   Evaluations: 35
NON-TRAFFIC ISSUES
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES 12 HOUR RECERTIFICATION COURSE
MARCH 4-5, 2009, GEORGIA CENTER, ATHENS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00-8:50  WHAT IS OUR JURISDICTION?
          Hon. Nelly Withers, Hon. Ralph Merck, Hon. Michael Cielinski

TAB 1
8:50-9:00  Stretch Break
9:00-9:50  WHAT IS OUR JURISDICTION? - Continued
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break
10:10-11:00 IMPARTIALITY- What Can or Cannot Be Done? - Hon. Glen Ashman

TAB 2
11:00-11:10 Stretch Break
11:10-noon IMPARTIALITY- WHAT CAN OR CANNOT BE DONE? - Continued
nooon-1:00  Planned Luncheon
1:00-1:50  WARRANTS, ARRAIGMENTS, BOND HEARINGS - Atty. Tom Cook
1:50-2:00  Stretch Break
2:00-2:50  WARRANTS, ARRAIGMENTS, BOND HEARINGS - Continued
2:50-3:10  Refreshment Break
3:10-4:00  WARRANTS, ARRAIGMENTS, BOND HEARINGS - Continued
4:00-4:10  Stretch Break
4:10-5:00  WARRANTS, ARRAIGMENTS, BOND HEARINGS - Continued

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00-8:50  LOCAL ORDINANCE, NUISANCE CASES - Hon. William Nesmith

TAB 3
8:50-9:00  Stretch Break
9:00-9:50  LOCAL ORDINANCE, NUISANCE CASES - Continued
9:50-10:10 Refreshment Break
10:10-11:00 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING - Hon. Antone Allison

TAB 4
11:00-11:10 Stretch Break
11:10-noon ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING - Continued

Participants:28  Evaluations: 17
Evaluation
Recert for Municipal Court Judges, March 4-5, 2009, GA Center, Athens
*5 is the highest possible score

What is our Jurisdiction  4.4
Nelly Withers  4.56
Mike Celinski  4
Ralph Merck  3.92

Comments:
-Very Good
-Good
-Good job by all. Enjoyed getting to participate rather than just sitting around.
-Excellent
-Interaction with attendees was excellent.
-Interesting
-Excellent

Impartiality  4.6
Glen Ashman  4.7

Comments:
-Great
-Good
-Always good
-Great!
-Well prepared and knowledgeable
-Interesting, good on ethics
-Reall appreciate the ethics hours.
-Very good

Warrants, Arraignments...  4.66
Tom Cook  4.75

Comments:
-Good
-Great
-Good
-Did a good job, good information and current
-Excellent!
-Explained complicated issues in a simple manner.
-Good Program, very informative.
-Excellent

Local Ordinances, Nuisance Cases  4.3
William Nesmith  4.47

Comments:
-Great
-Good
-Very good, he should be invited again
-Great!
-Took too little time Nuisance
-This is mostly what I do, a good, common-sense review - thanks.
-Good information and thought provoking.
-Excellent

Alternative Sentencing
Antone Allison

Comments:
-Great
-Just o.k.
Antone is too much! Always informative and he has some good ideas –
-Great
-A good idea to have these, but program needs to be updated and revamped
-Good information for alternative sentencing.
-Very good.

Final Comments:
-Overall a great program. I was expecting more for code enforcement, nuisance and handling of non traffic and non criminal.
-These seminars get better and better every year. I always learn something I can use as a Judge or attorney.
# 6-Hour Mentor Orientation for Magistrate Judges

**March 17, 2009**  
**Georgia Center, Athens, GA**

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<td>Wrap Up and Group Discussion</td>
<td>C. Holt; J. Thurman; A. Willis; L. Hanscome</td>
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Event Planner: Ms. Jean Hughes: 706-542-7940 or jean@icje.law.uga.edu
EVALUATION
MENTORING ORIENTATION
FOR GEORGIA MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES
MARCH 17, 2009 - GEORGIA CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

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<td>Comments: Fun &amp; Interesting. This is such a helpful exercise. I love</td>
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<td>using the responder.</td>
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<td>Great Unit. (Intro to use of cordless responder took too much time).</td>
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<td>Sparked very good conversation.</td>
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<td>Definitely a good exercise. The responder was helpful (however, veered</td>
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<td>off topic a bit). Overall, very helpful/insightful.</td>
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<td>Comments: Enjoy getting to know the other magistrates.</td>
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<td>Excellent exercise to allow me to get introduced to and learn so much</td>
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Additional Comments:
All the speakers (going back three years) discuss the thought of image of "Magistrate Judges". Should judges attend meetings in jeans and/or very casual clothing. Looking forward to initiating this mentor program. Maybe have a copy of the mentor/mentoree book to be able to become familiar with. Dr. Hanscome and Jean - Thank you for a great experience! I found use of phone/blackberry in class both disrespectful and distracting.

Participants: 17    Evaluations: 15
ICJE Program Agenda
WebCT Jail Diversion – Mental Health Court 2009
April 6 – May 1, 2009

- Advance Reading
  - 8 Hours Advance Reading Credit:
    
    Crazy by Pete Earley

- Module 1 (Week 1): April 6-10, 2009 (1.5 CLE)
  - 3 Hours Online
  - Topic: Diversion to Treatment: Crisis Intervention Teams
  - Instructors: Judge Susan Tate and Judge Kelly Powell
                Rhiannon Morgan and Pat Strode (CIT)

- Module 2 (Week 2): April 13-17, 2009 (1.5 CLE)
  - 3 Hours Online
  - Topic: Diversion from Criminal Prosecution: Diversion Treatment Court
  - Instructor: Judge Amy Simon
                Judge John Allen

- Module 3 (Week 3): April 20-24, 2009 (1.5 CLE)
  - 3 Hours Online
  - Topic: Prosecution to Treatment: Dispositional Court
  - Instructor: Judge John Allen
                Judge Winston Bethel

- Module 4 (Week 4): April 27-May 1, 2009 (1.5 CLE)
  - 3 Hours Online
  - Topic: Post-Release and Re-Entry Interventions
  - Instructors: Judge Clinton Deveaux
                Atty. Elisabeth Kingsbury
                Judge Winston Bethel

  Crossword Quiz – Review and Wrap-Up
  Instructor: Dr. Lynda Hanscome
Module 1
Diversion to Treatment: 4.26
Crisis Intervention Teams
Comments:
I had heard this before as a former law enforcement officer. Not really any difference in material for judges but information was good.
Excellent information on CIT.

Module 2
Diversion from Criminal Prosecution: 4.39
Diversion Treatment Court
Comments:
Good information. This was best unit for me.
Good questions, interesting statistics from DeKalb.

Module 3
Prosecution to Treatment: 4.39
Dispositional Court
Comments:
Interesting to see this end of the continuum. Great information provided.

Module 4 - (Part 1)
Post-Release & Re-Entry Interventions: 4.35
Comments:
Good information.
Again, good information.
Good information.

Module 4 - (Part 2) - 3.91
Crossword Quiz – Review & Wrap-Up
Comments:
Excellent Course! Very Well Done!
Course designer, Monica cannon, did a great job!
Technical support was excellent!
Unnecessary - Crossword puzzle seemed like busy work.
I must admit that I had to review materials to locate the answers to the puzzle. I also had to refer to the answer key.
This had been one of the best and more enjoyable, interesting, educational experience I have had since being appointed Magistrate six years ago. When I received the Book "CRAZY" opened it up, read the preface, I could not lay it down until I read it thru, and I reread it again before the training period started. What tragic human interest stories. This course was well planned, laid out in any easy to follow format. I found some of the questions to be very challenging.
Enjoyed the class, gained a lot of good information, which I will be able to use while sitting on the bench.
I hate crossword puzzles.
Additional Comments
It would be nice to have a tutorial program about a week before the Web course starts to help learn how to navigate through the course. Also, would like to see the course shortened to two weeks (four weeks is a long time to commit).
Good information and good form of presentation. I had never done a Web Ct but was impressed.
It's frustrating to spend several hours reading/formulating responses only to have a few other judges
post one-work responses in the 11th hour that was either not placed into context, or were grammatically incorrect and filled with spelling errors. Sorry for the rant, but I expect more from a member of the bench.
After being a lost ball in the grass in the 1st module I really liked this course.
Get another one ready for next year. Thanks.
The entire course was very enlightening for me. I learned valuable information that I was unaware of. Reading the responses of my colleagues to the discussion questions was interesting. This is a painless way to get required CLE & CJE.
I recommend this course for any Magistrate that has access to a computer.
This course was extremely important and showcased the issues faced by mentally ill defendants.
As a judge, I will evaluate defendants closely to ensure that they are handled accordingly.
This is the second online class that I have taken. I thoroughly enjoyed both classes.

This was a very informative course. All the readings and discussions were very helpful in understanding the impact and importance that mental healthcare has. In the future, I will look closer at the individual person to ensure that I make an adequate assessment of the situation.
This course opened my eyes to the individual issues that these defendants face. I was appalled at the conditions that was present in the Miami-Date jail. I viewed these conditions from a link on the author's website. The conditions at this facility were inhumane. Mental Health Courts are an essential part of the criminal justice system and should be mandated and paid for by the state.

Well thought out, well presented and a good primer for anyone who is starting a Mental Health Court. The book is great and I have recommended it to our DA and the Chief Superior Court Judge.

The book was excellent and much better than the one we read in the DV Course. All judges deal with the same type of issues, but there is a great disparity in each county's resources which makes any uniformity in statewide programming doubtful. A course or two in clinical factors of mental health issues could provide some needed training for all judges. I will endeavor to use what limited resources and avenues are at my disposal for purposes of intervention.

I enjoyed reading the book "Crazy" for a lot of reasons, one of which is the fact that I lived and worked in Miami, Florida for fifty one years and knew pretty much all the locations he talked about and some of the people for that matter. The fact that most folks with mental illness can be helped and live a normal life was interesting, we have got to find a way to help them and I am going to try.
Not sure how but I will.

The course was very good. I found myself agreeing with most of the comments of participants. Great minds think alike, and so do we. Wish we have explored the relationship between illness and self--medicating more deeply, as the alcohol/drug abuse problem counts for a majority of my caseload. Unfortunately, given limited resources, the program is not likely to change the way we run our court.
I did not enjoy the book as much as the DV class a while back. It was a bit of a jaundiced view of the system and its participants, nevertheless it was informative. I think most participants generally agreed that there needs to be alternative ways to funnel mentally ill individuals through court into probation and the inevitable revolving door. Really, many judges do not have a very good handle on the physical medical aspect of mental health and view it much like addiction. It is unfortunate because most addicts are at the same point cogent and rational and makes a choice not to seek assistance or to return to the wrong environment, and many mentally ill never get a grasp on the existence or depth of their illness because everything they do, see and think is clouded by the mental illness. Courts need to recognize this.

I thought the course was interesting and well thought out. I found myself agreeing with the other members of the class. It's a shame that we all seem to suffer from the same problem, lack of money.

I think the book "Crazy" was most interesting. No two cases are ever the same when it comes to treatment. It needs to be structured to each individual case.

The entire curriculum was very interesting and informative. It has provided quite a learning experience for me. I'll choose the Mental Health Court as one of great interest because it focuses on solving problems for the mentally ill entering the criminal justice system. After reading the book, "Crazy" I now realize that there may be possible underlying causes for habitual criminal acts committed by some defendants. Since taking this course, I'm more informed of the symptoms and behaviors of the mentally ill. In the future, I'll be more observant and will pay closer attention to the criminal history of defendants. If possible symptoms of mental illness are observed, perhaps a mental health screening would be ordered as a condition of setting a bond.

Getting to have understanding of what some of the other jurisdictions do was very helpful. All the readings and discussions were informative. Will check to see if there are any programs available to help before sentencing.

This was a meaningful and worthwhile learning experience and I would never trivialize the instruction, instruction methods or the subject matter. I am compelled to observe, however, that nowhere else could one have such an experience (CAUTION-THE FOLLOWING MENTAL IMAGE MAY BE OFFENSIVE TO SOME READERS) whilst clad only in compression stockings, a Medic Alert necklace and underwear.

I was already aware of these issues prior to taking this course, so note of the information was really new to me. "Crazy" was not enlightening to me because I worked at Grady Hospital for 3 years, so I have seen it all many times. I had no sympathy for the son in "Crazy" and certainly none for the over-controlling obsessive father. The CIT Program in Georgia was one thing I did learn about. I do not plan to make any changes in what I do. I help people when I can, but I also do my best to make people be responsible for their actions, which is what I think is our primary duty on the bench.

Too many people are processed through the criminal system, but we as judges cannot control that. Only the legislature can. We can only try to be as fair as we know how when dealing with each individual that comes before us. In my opinion, "Mental Illness" is still not well defined nor understood by science, and there are many widely varying opinions on definitions, causes and cures. The AMA has a virtual monopoly on psychiatry and the psychiatric pharmaceutical industry, so there may appear to be some common thinking, but many outside of psychiatry, and within, dissent on even the most basic issues. Until this becomes better understood, I don't think we have the capability of really doing much to treat "mental illness". Most special programs...
appear to me to be primarily concerned with funding, power and accumulating good looking statistics so that their existence is justified.

I don’t see a lot of mental health issues being an assistant magistrate. I think the most important thing would be that every cases (mental health) is different but yet similar.

The part of the curriculum that interested me most was interacting with the other judges. Also, having the opportunity to read and study this well written book “Crazy”. I had no idea the problem of mental illness was of such magnitude. We that are normal, how blessed we are to be able to live normal lives. My heart goes out to those families who care for mentally ill family members.

I thoroughly enjoyed this class from reading “Crazy” to addressing the discussion board questions.

The book was informative and allowed me to think about mental illness. Being in this class has allowed me to see from the other side. Working at Central State Hospital, I do not work in direct care; however, I can better understand some key issues. Two years ago, I thought some of the clients were acting out and putting on; however, I now know that some of the clients cannot help themselves. I even told one of the clinical staff that she needs to read “Crazy”.

I do not believe there are any formal steps I can take in my county when dealing with mental health issues; however, if given the opportunity to exercise discretion, I do believe I will be able to consider mental health issues more carefully. Mental illness comes in many more forms than I originally considered.

This was a great group. I’ll miss you! Our facilitators, faculty and staff did an excellent job. Thank you. The book was excellent (though sometimes one-sided). All materials were well done and informative. I will try for a deeper understanding of all parties in a situation involving a mentally disturbed defendant. I will take the time to make my decisions service the best interest of all parties involved. Each case is unique and deserves separate attention.

The information about the history of mental health in the United States was very insightful. I am very excited about the choices we have now and in the future. We do not have to lock everyone behind bars. We have tools to deal with the issues. The most important thing I learned about dealing with mental health cases was I have a choice.

I have already starting to take additional time when someone is in front of me during court. Trying to listen more and take notice of his illness. It may not affect the discussion or outcome of the issue, but at least I will allow him and/or his family to address their concerns and issues. This also may help with the victims understanding of the situation better and not be so vindictive. Support groups and proper treatment is the key.

A combination of learning about CIT training and then seeing a blueprint for setting up as diversion court was most interesting. I think I’ve taken a very fatalistic attitude towards mental health. Instead of sitting down and talking with other agencies about how we can make our system better, I’ve just shrugged my shoulders, lamenting how “someone ought to do something about it.” Well, someone should – I should. It takes time and effort. The issue is not going away, and it’s up to us to figure out how best to deal with mental health issues in a way that properly balances the civil rights of a defendant and the fiscal responsibility necessary to make sure the system is not bankrupted.
The most important thing I learned about dealing with mental health cases is how resource-intensive the problem seems to be. Kind of daunting, overall.

You guys do a great job! See you next year!

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<td>GCIC Safety and Integrity Training and Update on OBTS, <em>Ms. Michelle Daniel</em></td>
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<td>Case Plans: Judicial Review vs. Panel Reviews, concurrent, etc. <em>Mr. Robert Bassett</em></td>
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<td>Timeliness of Transcripts for TPR Appeals/ Discretionary Appeals <em>Hon. James Morris, Ms. Beth Locker</em></td>
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<td>Panel Q&amp;A Session and Updating Clerk's Manual Discussion <em>Mr. Sean Kean, et al.</em></td>
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Evaluation
Spring Seminar for Juvenile Court Clerks, April 8-10, 2009
*5 is the highest possible score

Customer Service 3.8
Joy Doyle 4.0
Steve Hayes 4.1
Comments:
-Slides were slow and seemingly irrelevant, but their conversations about questions and answers were good.
-Do not feel this pertains to clerks.
-Needs to be more related to courts.
-Related to DJJ more than juvenile court.
-Very good speakers, new information, very helpful.
-Really liked both of them.
-Really not applicable since it was regarding selling state programs.

Dress for Success 3.92
Pennie Peck 4.06
Comments:
-Learned new expression “toe cleavage.”
-Speaker was honest, content was good & she was entertaining.
-A need in our Courts and Clerks offices.
-Speaker was a little outdated.
-Info was related to speakers opinion.
-Great job! This was a fun segment, very needed and helpful.
-Very good, different, useful.
-Although I wear white and red and have peek-a-boo toe cleavage, I really enjoyed what she had to say.
-Interesting and entertaining.
-O.k.
-Waste of time.
-She was entertaining, but not completely accurate for most courts.

GCIC Safety & Integrity Training 4.48
Ms. Michelle Daniel 4.5
Comments:
-Very Informative, willing to help.
-Responses were for someone else, she didn’t really address any difficulties that have been happening. Tough content to a tough crowd.
-Very informative.
-Good speaker, needed more time, this topic covers a lot of information.
-Repeat from ’08, but good info.
-Explained topic very well.
-Good info.
-Very informative, great choice for a topic.
-Always need training on this as Sheriff’s department is not in compliance.
-Feel confused since apparently my Sheriff’s office are not sending to us.
-Wonderful!!!!
-Wonderful person.
-Need additional training, not enough time to.
Review of Proposed Revision of Uniform Code
Mr. Charles “Chuck” Cantey
Comments:
- Very informative.
- As well as you can do with subject matter.

Case Plans: Judicial Review vs. Panel Reviews
Mr. Robert Bassett
Comments:
- Great speaker, very informative.
- Did very well with adapting conversation w/o really knowing what we expected. Excellent speaker and always entertaining.
- Always interesting.
- Always a good speaker, and entertaining.
- Wonderful speaker as usual, always a pleasure to hear.
- Excellent speaker.
- Great!
- Excellent! Bring him back!
- Great speaker, but needed to be more about procedure as it relates to case plans.

Foster Children
Mr. Anthony Reeves
Comments:
- Very moving - will do my best to convince judge to have kids in hearings.
- Great interaction, lots of information.
- Powerful and moving - we should always have something like this.
- Impressed! Very inspirational!
- Very enlightening.
- Needed more time.
- Not enough time! Always nice to hear from the child’s view.
- Great! Great! Great!
- AWESOME! Different - would like more like this.
- Took too long to explain program, was too distracted.
- Very touching.
- Needs to talk about his life from start, very hard to follow, but good handouts.
- Very informative, makes me want to do more for kids in trouble.
- Next time give them more time - very good.

Permanent Guardianship
Hon. John Beam
Comments:
- Great class.
- As Always, very informative, a great speaker
- Informative.
- Excellent content, presentation & speaker. Always good to hear from Judge Beam.
- A needed subject.
- Excellent!
- Great topic, great info, great speaker!
- Very informative and presentation was great.
- Great presentation!
- Awesome, always a wonderful speaker.

Timeliness of Transcripts
Hon. James Morris
Ms. Beth Locker
Comments:
- Informative
- Much Needed
- Excellent, but should have allowed more questions.
- Very helpful, Judge Morris is so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about what he does.

Panel Q & A Session & Clerk’s Manual Discussion 4.66
Sean King 4.66

Comments:
- This should be a part of every conference! Wonderful and very informative discussion.
- Good dialog and networking
- Sean is a good moderator and president.

Final Comments:
- Would like to see Traffic Updates - manuals etc...
- Well organized Seminar! I really appreciate the training and updated information.
- Best conference ever.
- I understand that the reason ICJE has not had any conference within the past several years is because of Sea Palms staff not providing adequate service, once again they have failed even when given a second chance. The conference room is much too small, they even knew how many participants were to be present - someone should get a break on payment for the room. This was somewhat remedied by putting more tables in, however, the room was still too small.
- Would like to see CASA presentation.
- Great conference, very informative.
Would like to see Legislative Update - more specific code change that results in procedural change for clerks (NOT proposed Legislative)
- Noise outside by other conference was distracting/ great conference, subject matter!
- What about a Judge or CJCS rep. Talking to GAJCC regarding importance of committees and their participation? No sure if this would qualify for hours though.
- Noise distraction from outside, door noise when going in and out, Great conference with great topics, 2nd and 3rd days especially, binders were nice but not able to copy for my deputy clerks that were unable to attend.
- Very good conference. The conference room was set up for a smaller group. Not enough elbow room. The topics were very informative.
- Would like to see TPR - Parent Vs. Parent, no stepparent or adoption.
- I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed this seminar. The agenda mailed out did not seem very beneficial; however, the final one certainly exceeded expectations. Great Job! Thanks for all your hard work. Great speakers.
- Would like to see “Private Deprivations.” Conference room was too small.
- Very good training - one of the best ones I have attended!
- Would like to see traffic updates law.
- Good!
- No more conferences at Jekyll!! The hotel rooms are not good. Much prefer St. Simons (Sea Palms). Jekyll is boring! And there are very few close restaurants- have to drive to Brunswick or St. Simons.

Participants: 54   Evaluations: 32
**9-Hour Traffic Judges**  
Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA  
April 13-17, 2009

Nutrition Breaks: 9:50-10:10 a.m. and 2:50 - 3:10 p.m.  
Stretch breaks: 10 minutes every hour

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<td>Courtroom Procedures: Examples...</td>
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<td>Hon. Jason Harper, Henry Co. With Assistance from Probate Judges recruited by Hon. LaVerne Ogletree, Green Co.</td>
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**Room Q**  
NJO Round Table (until 4:30 p.m.)  
Lynwood Jordan, Jennifer Ammons, William Self, Darin McCoy, Kelley Powell, Lillis Brown, Pinkie Toomer, Chris Patterson, Mary Jo Buxton, Kevin McGreevy, Athens-Clarke Co.

**Room R**  
GCIC S&I  
Kevin McGreevy, Athens-Clarke Co.

**4-5 Room C**  
Firearms Committee  
Hon. Susan Tate, Chair

**5 Magnolia Ballroom**  
Training Council Dinner Meeting  
Hon. Kelley Powell, Chair
12 Hour Probate Judges  
Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA  
April 13-17, 2009

Nutrition Breaks: 9:50-10:10 a.m. and 2:50 - 3:10 p.m. 
Stretch breaks: 10 minutes

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### Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - Probate (Max. 6 Probate/Computer Hours)

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<td><strong>Probate Begins</strong>: The Power of Progress: Moving from &quot;Good to Great&quot;</td>
<td>Dr. Penny Elkins, Mercer University</td>
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<td>Compromised Claims/Conservatorships: What can be learned from a life care plan</td>
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<td>Determination of Heirs</td>
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<td>Understanding Your Role as Constitutional Officer</td>
<td>Atty. Charles Byrd</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Awards Luncheon (+ group pic)</strong></td>
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<td>Proving A Will Case - Best Practices</td>
<td>Hon. Lynwood Jordan II, Forsyth Co.</td>
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<td>Nuts &amp; Bolts of Minor &amp; Adult Conservatorships</td>
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<td>Case Law Update</td>
<td>Prof. Sarajane Love, UGA Law School</td>
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<td>Panel Discussion: Probate Problems and Issues Also Q &amp; A from submitted questions</td>
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MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDIT: This program offers a MAXIMUM of 10.5 MCLE hours, including 1.5 Professionalism Hours, & 1 Trial Practice Hour. If you wish to purchase MCLE credits, identify the units you actually attended and count up ONLY those MCLE hours; then follow instructions on the enclosed form which is provided for your convenience.
DDS Traffic Update: New Statutes 4.72
DDS: License Suspension & Revocation 4.73
DDS: Transmission of Dispositions + Q&A 4.67
Speaker: Atty. Jennifer Ammons 4.82

Comments:
She is FAST, but very GOOD. I like fast so as not to get bored. Unlike the clerk’s seminars, who just want to read everything to you.
Very helpful and knowledgeable.
You could allow Jennifer to do entire 9 hrs. traffic! (She needs 1 whole day).
Jennifer needs 1 day - at least 6 hrs. - she was great.
She knew her subjects very well - good job.
Ms. Ammons does a wonderful job. Thank her for taking time to be with us! We need more time!
Atty. Ammons does a great job.
Very informative.
Needed more time - a lot of information was rushed.
More time on DDS.
Very informative.
Need MORE time on new laws!
Excellent except she went too fast - she knows her stuff.
Great information. Very Good!
Short & to the point. Excellent
Great! Need more time with her.
Very knowledgeable. Good communication.
We need an entire day for DDS. More time.
Excellent!
Good information.
Great speaker - need more class time with this speaker.
Very informative!
Atty. Ammons always good. Need to give more time.
Very good presentation by Attorney Ammons.
Best - as always. Give her more time.
Need more training from her - she is great.
Good but too fast. Need her to come again.
Moved too fast - lots of info.
Very good job. Needed at least 2 more hours.
Jennifer did not have enough time.
Best traffic speaker.
She’s a very good speaker, but was rushed for time.
Too much info/too little time.
Need more time for this session.
Courtroom Procedures: How to Conduct a Trial

Arraignment Calendar, Probation Revocations

Speeding Trials and DUI Trials 4.62
Speaker: Judge Jason Harper 4.60
Speaker: Judge Ogletree 4.66

Comments:
Really enjoyed mock trial and Q & A time!
The mock trials were really good.
Good information - could use info for smaller courts.
Good session - mock trial good - as previous session need more time.
This method of teaching is the most effective used in any of our training sessions (skits).
Good job.
Excellent
Very good.
Judge Harper was very good. More mock hearings.
Judge Harper good speaker. Very informative.
Worthless - skits are for 3rd grade.
Fantastic - Would like to have handout of cases.
Very good. Needed to see a good trial.
I love the mock trials. Should have more!
Enjoyed the mock trials. Need more of this type of training.

Records Retention: Traffic Cases 3.94
Speaker: Mr. Andrew Taylor 4.03

Comments:
Need to improve on presentation. Spice it up. Make it interesting.
Good information. Very useful, but needed hard copy of retention schedule.
More time on DDS than keeping records.
Not an exciting thing to teach or listen to.
Great - Need a little more time.
Excellent
Boring
Okay
Boring but topic is very important.
Could have been covered better.
Did not give probate/traffic specific.

Fine and Fee Disbursement 3.89
Speaker: Mr. John Earle 3.85

Comments:
He needs to improve on presentation. Add some spice and make it more interesting.
Good information. Good speaker, could we get this at GSCCA training.
Mr. Earle was to boring.
Excellent
Boring
Okay
Too fast.
Terrible - Does not have a clue regarding Probate Courts and Fees. 14B 1EX required partial payments therefore, we must collect partial payments on any fine. He did not know this.
Case Law Update: Criminal Procedure 4.80
Speaker: Judge Ben Studdard 4.80
Comments:
His presentation had some spice to it! Yea!
Great speaker. Please ask Judge Studdard back again!
Invite him back - good. - Good information.
Always good presentation.
This segment should have been for a longer period of time. Very valuable.
Need longer time. Excellent speaker - extremely informative.
Excellent - Great, give him an entire day - more time.
Excellent - Keep having Judge Studdard. Enjoy his presentations.
Info very timely and excellent tool for the court.
Very good.
Very good & helpful.
Lots of info - wish we had more time.
As Always, Great - needed about 4 hours to cover material.
Very interesting speaker. Too much info/too little time.

NJO Roundtable 4.63
Comments:
Discussions usually pertains to large counties.
Excellent - Very relaxed and informative.
Should have gone to computer class - was only so - so.

GCIC S&I 4.70
Speaker: Mr. Kevin McGreevy 4.38
Comments:
This instructor was extremely rude, abrupt and obnoxious.
Excellent - need hrs. for this class.
Very rude!! Will never attend anything that he teaches. Also, very sarcastic!!
The instructor had a smart mouth and was very rude.
Thank you for having S& I. - Insightful
T ook a 4 hr. class and turned it into a 2 class.
Didn’t get this class but need it.
This was a needed class for the judges who use GCIC network. Thank you.

AOC Computer Lab 4.11
Comments:
Took Excel, Outlook & PowerPoint. Really enjoyed the computer lab.
Very useful, I will take this back and put it into practice.
Good information. These labs are helpful to be updated with for extra learning.
Good - Need handouts to take home - good instructors, very helpful.
Classes should not be the same time as probate classes.
The first hour was not useful and it was very boring. The second hour was bettered and more useful.
Three hours was great!
Not helpful.
Informative
Some very good some not as prepared but very capable. Sustain people were excellent.
Only one in the class.
Very knowledgeable. The program did not reflect correct start times. Excellent but not enough time.

**The Power of Progress: Moving from** "Good to Great"  
**Speaker:** Dr. Penny Elkins  
**Comments:**
She gave me food for thought!  
Very inspirational! Loved it and needed this!  
Very good to start off training.  
Very interactive.  
Great Presenter!!! Information Great!!!!  
Inspiring!  
Great lead off speaker.  
Needed longer time.  
Very interesting - Great speaker.  
The Best Ever For Me.  
Material good and speaker kept your attention!  
Dr. Elkins was very good.  
Excellent - This topic should have been allotted a much longer time.  
Very inspirational!  
Great job.  
One of “the” Best Presentations ever! She did a great job.  
Excellent  
Very good.  
Not so good.  
Motivational  
Very inspirational session & speaker.  
For a “Non-Probate” area session, one of the best we have had.  
Relevant to use even tho not directly about our job.  
Really enjoyed this speaker.  
Great Speaker.  
Encore needed. Longer period.  
Dr. Elkins’ presentation was wonderful - kind of like a good sermon – this was something I really need to hear.  
I plan to make some changes as a result.  
Real good, great.  
Too “touching feely” Plus I am a follower.  
Wonderful  
This Dr. was great, please have her come back.  
Vibrant speaker. Topic excellent.  
Great job.  
When I first came in I was not expecting this to be such a moving, inspirational message.  
Excellent speaker for after lunch!  
Would have loved to have had another hour session or so with her.  
Very useful & interesting.  
Very knowledgeable and motivated speaker.  
Very true to our situation.  
Interesting - well presented.  
Needed this, Thanks.  
I wish she was around me every day.
Compromised Claims/Conservatorship: 3.81
What can be learned from a life care plan 3.96
Speaker: Ms. Lee Brinkley Bryan

Comments:
I don’t feel like it is Probate Courts place to educate the public on a life care plan.
Good information but nuts & bolts of setting services of life care planner.
Wish we could have had a cost schedule with examples of estimated costs.
This would have been more interesting if she hadn’t had to follow Dr. Elkins.
Excellent
Good
Did not really seem to mesh well enough w/claims/conservatorship and our duties as well as
maybe should have and would have liked.
No true help to us.
Wish the speaker had touched on more about compromised claim & conservatorship matters not
just the life care plan.
Too much reading of slides.
Interesting but not relevant.
This had no information useful to us in our routine work. She was soliciting income for herself.
Too in depth for my line of work.
Very good class.
Information overload!
Good - Did a great job.
She was not allowed to finish her program.
Some good points; interesting but selling presentation for speakers profession.
Might be helpful in planning for my future case but not helpful to guardianship decisions in court.
Did not gain anything from this session.

Determination of Heirs 4.42
Speaker: Judge Pinkie Toomer (& Julie Caplan) 4.43

Comments:
Very interesting and helpful.
Good
Good update!
Very useful information. Well presented.
Didn’t seem very organized. Especially her clerk. Hard to hear.
Excellent - both parties.
Good handout.
Good handout material. Good discussions.
Good topic. I wish Judge Toomer could have answered the questions better.
Some helpful information.
Good
Too much conversation was conducted on one side of the room when the other side had no clue what
was being said!!
Had before - Great!
The material was great.
We should use a lot more of our own members if they are as prepared as Judge Toomer.
Always interesting.
Always enjoy Judge Pinkie - deals with our job - right on.
Lives in Perry.
Very useful.

**Understanding Your Role as Constitutional Officer** 4.79

**Speaker:** Atty. Charles Byrd 4.83

**Comments:**
Interesting to say the least.
Bring him back!
Great topic & speaker - Have back sometime.
Entertaining, applicable info and engaging speaker.
Exceeding important topics for judge to ran an office. Need this program often.
Great!
Longer discussion with Q & A period would be great.
Excellent
Good information - Let him speak again.
Good information.
LOVED IT! Very helpful.
Would like to have him back. Great info.
Excellent
Great need more of him!
Great
Excellent speaker - need more time!
Received good information.
Need more sessions like this to help us know where we stand & how we can do what we need to do especially as we face these hard times.
Needed more time to discuss. Wish we had a handout to carry back with us with all the code sections and case law to look at later.
Very informative - good speaker - much needed information.
Need for longer period of time.
Lots of good information.
Needs to be here every year for our training.
Very, very good information - need more on this subject.
Would like Mr. Byrd to return.
Very good.
Atty. from Reynolds, Ga. - Very good.
Excellent
Great job.
Should always have this type of program. I’m an old-timer and this was most helpful.
Very interesting and informed.
We need this support and will only get this information this way.
Very informative.
Outstanding!
Would like very much to hear from Mr. Byrd again.
Graduate of Mercer.
Need to hear him again - too much, too little time!
Very good - Would like to have him again.
Needed more time.
I would give anything if I had heard this presentation 16 years ago when I took office. (I missed it 5 yrs. ago in Savannah).

**Good Support.**
Excellent - would like to hear him again.
Good information.
Delayed Birth Certificates & Judicial  4.63
Establishment of Birth Facts
Speaker: Judge Darin McCoy  4.69
Comments:
Always good, always open to having law amended when problems are found.
Good Speaker.
Good job.
Good - Helpful
Thanks, very helpful.
Very good.
Excellent
31-10-12 (a) Should be cleaned up to state or county of birth.
Too much confusion! I hate being read to.
Darin always does a good job and prepares very well.
We do not do vita records but what information was given was somewhat informative.
Very good.
Good job - like always done by Darin.
Wish we all knew as much as this speaker.
Darin always does a GREAT job presenting.
Need instruction on other petitions relating to vital records issues that can be filed in Probate Court.
Very helpful.

Proving A Will Case—Best Practices  5.02
Speaker: Judge Lynwood II  4.66
Comments:
Most helpful.
Great Presentation.
Good Job. - Wonderful that web sites were discussed.
Needed longer! Enjoyed
Very good explaining. Very helpful.
Good information. Appreciate the different web sites available.
Liked the computer update info & instructions for finding BTB.
Excellent - Good information given.
Really enjoyed this topic and the way Judge Woody presented it.
Good detailed information concerning matters we deal with on a daily basis in our offices.
Go Woody - Go Woody!
Check list will be helpful.
Very good.
Made “under the breath” comments. Could not hear questions from the floor; he did not repeat.
Very good.
Good job wish we had more time to spend on will issues.
Prepared - Very helpful.
His hands on approach was very useful.
Excellent! Great approach - got my attention. I would rate this as best presentation given.
Woody is so informed always interesting.
Very interesting and informative. Judge Lynwood does a great job.
This was a good session. Hands on seeing how petitions should be properly completed before file stamp put on.
If Judge Self would allow speaker to present his subject. Excellent; informative.
Nuts & Bolts of Minor & Adult Conservatorship 4.61  
Speaker: Judge Jim Clarke 4.56  
Comments:  
Complicated issues. Lots of help offered.  
Helpful Information - Great Forms!  
Just ok.  
Very good at conveying information clearly!  
Very important information and guidelines on what judges should be doing and why.  
Good job.  
Good forms.  
Excellent  
Good handout.  
My court will use the forms provided in this section.  
Good handouts. Like getting other forms & material we can use in our own court.  
Wonderful Job! Really enjoyed & learned a lot!  
Good job.  
Great suggestions and examples!  
Very good.  
Good info & needed but should be one morning when you are fresh. Important topic.  
Very needed.  
His stories always help. I learn a great deal.  
Jim is interesting and very informative.  
He is the expert! Always does a good job.  
Very helpful handout.  
Not enough time to cover some important details.

Case Law Update 4.68  
Speaker: Atty. Sarajane Love 4.57  
Comments:  
Good  
Always Great!  
Engaging and knowledgeable! Love Her!  
She is wonderful.  
We need an analysis of appellate court decisions (recent).  
Excellent  
Always good job.  
Enjoy hearing Professor Love.  
Not to be rude, but can we please get someone else to do this. She literally puts you to sleep.  
Always a treat to have Ms. Love on the program.  
Good  
Improving  
Very informative.  
Slow down.  
Great material to read later.  
While she is incredibly intelligent, knows her stuff, she is boring.  
Should have this topic every year.  
It is always interesting to have Law School faculty.  
I always enjoy Sarajane Love. She presents each case so well.  
Great cases. Need to spend more time in discussion.
Panel Discussion: Probate Problems and Issues
Also Q & A from submitted questions

Comments:
Great!
“Nuts and Bolts” discussion at the end are essential for judges to pose questions.
Excellent
Continue this! Do a topic on how to handle two party affidavits. Much discussion on this.
Would like to see this at next years’ seminar with MORE TIME ALLOWED!
Need more of this at our meetings but earlier on in the training in order to have more time.
Always good!
Lots of beating dead horses - these are not helpful. It’s always “well in my court - - - -” not helpful.
Good - Wish it had been at another time. Last of Friday was bad time.
Need this kind of session every year. Gives us an opportunity to hear from other judges as to what their take is on different problems/situations that are faced daily. Do more than 1 hour next time.
Judge Kelley Powell is great! Judge Self & Judge Lynwood always enlighten us. Just observing - Judge Jeryl Rosh would also be great on the panel or to teach a class.
This should be moved up in the line of subjects and allow a longer time.
Kelley did a great job! This session is great & has been needed for a long time.

Your ideas are important. Please be candid and suggest other topics and speakers you feel would be helpful and informative: Additional Comments:
Don’t have traffic & estates together. Makes a long week - too long out of office.
Food excellent! Program planning excellent. Booklet, good idea!
This was a great week, but a bit much being out the office for the entire week. Maybe go back to have traffic at a different time. Some of the best training I have had, but was offended by being treated as a child by the program coordinator.
This seminar could have been completed in 3 days. It should not have been 5 days.
What’s with the marshal like attitude of the coordinator?
I miss the brown folders - they were a convenient way to keep everything together. Individual handouts are more useful in the office.
So glad to see Sherry Carson @lunch. I sure do miss Sherry Carson and all of her added special touches. Lynda Hanscome leaves much to be desired. Ex. Purple croc sandals! Very unprofessional. Never around during breaks to talk with and ask questions.
It seems as if my county is a whole other world. Most of the topics are geared more for larger counties or (atty) judges. My problem is - I hate to read and I have so much to learn by reading. Other than my problem, I completely enjoyed the week. Thanks!
Kelly Williams was a delight! I do not believe Dr. Linda is suited at all to work with Probate Judges. During Traffic Section she made me feel like a child.
Dr. Elkins was one of the best speakers EVER! It was uplifting and inspiring. Nice to have something Positive!
We would like a new program coordinator. I heard more complaints about her! The training was good. Thanks to Kelley Powell!
Courtroom procedures, Traffic & Probate need to be separate seminars. Traffic needs to be after new laws take into effect.
Need hours for GCIC S&I.
Not thrilled with Dr. Hanscome - We are not 1st graders - We are professionals as she is!! Don’t have to talk down to judges. This attitude will make it hard to bridge and build relationships with judges. Right down Rude - Abrupt - Arrogant - Nasty.
Traffic included with this seminar is excellent, continue this practice.
The Training Council did an excellent job in putting this session together. Great options!

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Additional Comments: (cont.)
Kudos to Judge Kelley Powell!
Treated too much like children during session.
Good job Kelly Powell & Training Committee. Good topics & speakers. Best motivational speaker we have had.
Wish we could have Sherry Carson back!! Could we contract with her!!
Having Traffic & Probate combined seemed to work well - week gets a little long but good to know hours done early in year. Will be more cost effective, maybe we can split back up if economy gets better. Is kind of nice to have 2 occasions to get together. As you can tell - mixed feelings.
Good to have Traffic & Probate at the same time. Have S. J. Love earlier. Council needs to put forth - on list serve? - What counts toward required hours & exactly how many are required for Probate - Traffic? Elections? FBI Firearms? In the past some of these counted toward 12 mandated for probate.
For traffic court a whole day of training not just a few hours with DDS. Most of this training could be ONLINE to save time and money.
Enjoyed seminar.
Wish, I had known we were having S&I training here. I had already taken it and had to drive to another county.
When we have a questions or a round table we need several microphones in each area of the building.
I liked the bound book for all the classes. Material was held together. Kelley Powell & Training Group - Great Job!!
It would be nice to have mock trial where you give 3 of our “attorneys” Judges (1 judge, 2 litigators) to try a regular probate case giving only basic knowledge to form their cases. I think it would be interesting to see how they would play off of each other.
Bound material was good.
More mock trials for traffic, more computer classes.
Training Council should be proud this was the best week I have ever been to of training.
Dr. Hanscome started out rough but got better. It is rough having come in behind Sherry. Kelly Williams was very helpful. She is very knowledgeable.
Chuck Byrd is a great resource and time was not short. Darin, Lynwood, Jim are excellent should always be on program.
I need the computer classes - schedule conflicted with NJO so pls have them again. How about this summer?
Is online possible?
Our program coordinator needs to relax a little and realize we are not children in middle school. She is very rude.
I do understand why it must be so cold in the meeting rooms. It must cost $$$ money $$$ to maintain that temperature. Everyone is either cold or wrapped up like a teddy bear. Both men & women share this opinion. This was addressed & was better before seminar end. More time with DDS for traffic training.
Woody & Darin’s topics were excellent & their presentation also. We need more of this in depth presentation.
These were some of the best classes we have ever had. I wish I could have all info in writing.
Please change our facilitator. The one in charge was unwilling to provide good service.
Very Helpful Discussions & Interesting!
Did not like being “barked” at and treated like a child! Need Sherry back!
We want Sherry back.
Training was very good and useful.
Additional Comments: (cont.)
We should have session on deceased depositors accounts. We repeatedly have a situation that occurs where only assets are bank deposits. There are statutes that allow payment w/out will or adm. - we use them often.
Guest meals need to be included with the original registration so my county will pay for my spouse’s meal.
Administrative advice for running an office cash handling advice - including what accounts to have.
I think a track for Title 6 of Atty. Judge Courts. I know Superior Ct. Gives a sort of script for jury trials & it would have been really helpful to have something like that.
Enjoyed all speakers. Need copies of the new laws.
Discuss similarities & differences of minor guardianships & adult guardianships.
If economy remains as is, Atty. Charles Byrd needs to return - Good Info! Wanted GCIC training but schedule was confusing about starting time (8am or 9am?). Schedule called for registration between (8 & 9am) on 4/15/09.
Put handouts in packets, not spiral bound.

Participants: 163  Evaluations: 113
# 20-Hour Chief Magistrate Course

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AOC-Services, Resources & Assistance 4.00
Mr. Chris Patterson 4.06
Comments:
He covered what the AOC can do for judges.
Learned a lot about historical situations. Chris did a great job.
Did not have a message to deliver.
Would have been better to have all of the AOC instructors together for one hour instead of breaking it up.

Judicial Immunity 4.50
Attorney Bill Berryman 4.47
Comments:
Very good presentation and handouts.
Great job!
Excellent speaker. Subject matter expert.
Very good presentation.
Great information.

Power & Authority of Chief Magistrate 4.45
Judge Al Willis 4.36
Comments:
This is very good topic that should be covered more in depth!

Council of Magistrate Court Judges 4.42
Judge Al Willis 4.39
Comments:
I wish all magistrates were a part of the council. What a voice we would have.
Could have been done in less time.
Good information.

Fostering Effective Media Relations -Panel 4.56
Judge Warren Davis 4.58
Mr. Donald Plummer 4.56
Comments:
Very good handouts and their experience speaks for itself.
Mr. Plummer - Professional and informed.
Judge Davis - So Bubbly he was over the top distracting.
Very good - Much needed topic!
Panel was excellent, perhaps additional time would have been beneficial and would have allowed for more
"Real - life" examples.
Donald Plummer real brought a great deal of relative information.
Good

Listening Skills for Judges 4.80
Judge Warren Davis 4.77
Comments:
Very good presentation.
Way too much of Judge Davis.
This would be good for Survey Class in October.
Good Topic - Good Presentation!
Always interesting. Excellent presentation. Wonderful demeanor.
Great! Warren always does a great job.
Excellent
Good
Wrap Up & Questions/Answers 4.57

Mentor Program-What’s New? 4.28
Dr. Lynda Hanscome 4.24
Comments:
Explained the mentor program depth.
This would be a good class for Savannah.
Initial response backwards!
Would be good to offer the new mentor.
Have class in November!!!
Suggestion: Dr. Hanscome, can we somehow offer hours toward the 4-6 hours for the mentor program during one of our regular meetings? I would love to take the hours as a track session. Thanks in advance!

The JQC & You 4.76
Attorney Cheryl Custer 4.54
Comments:
Always informative - Very knowledgeable.
Cheryl bordered on being silly.
Very good!
Fast paced - Interesting & informative!
Great information and great website.
Recommended for future training.

Resources & Contacts 4.60
Dr. Lynda Hanscome 4.56
Comments:
None

Additional Comments:
I like this venue. Good location. Comfortable rooms and beds.
It needs an elevator or help to get luggage upstairs.
Dr. Hanscome: This was a great training session
I prefer the Georgia Center. This place had bugs in the rooms.
Many of the magistrates are not lawyers. As a result they only know legal topics that they absorb.
Why not teach Substantive Law: Criminal, Landlord/Tenant, etc.
I enjoyed the Foundry Park Inn - it was nice facility and they were very accommodating.
Very informative; Great speakers; Lynda & Jean, you all did a great job!! But I did not like the venue.
Georgia Center much better than Foundry Park Inn or even Hampton is better.
Would have liked more time on ID Theft. Possible suggestion for future training - ID Theft and Crimes of the Future that are here now along with Personal Protection.
Loved the Inn.
Lynda & Jean are always so helpful. Lynda is very accommodating.
Do some weekend hours.

Total Participants: 37  Total Evaluations: 34
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| 1:00-1:50    | Case Law Update: Key Delinquency & Deprivation Cases of the past 12 Months | Hon. Lane Bearden  
               |                                                                        | Hon. Tim Pape  |
| 1:50-2:00    | Stretch Break                                                           |                                                |
| 2:00-2:50    | Case Law Update – Continued                                              |                                                |
| 2:50-3:10    | Refreshment Break                                                        |                                                |
| 3:10-4:00    | Introduction to the New Model Code on Juvenile Justice: Changes from the Present Law | Hon. Velma Tilley  
               |                                                                        | Attty. Wendi Clifton  
               |                                                                        | Attty. Beth Reimels |
| 4:00-4:10    | Stretch Break                                                           |                                                |
| 4:10-5:00    | New Statute Update: Overview of Enactments of the 2009 Legislative Session | Attorney Eric John  
               |                                                                        | Hon. Cliff Joliff |
| 5:00-???     | Business Meeting of CJCJ                                                 |                                                |
| 7:30-8:00    | Continental Breakfast in Meeting Room                                   |                                                |
| 8:00-8:50    | Overview of Computer Evidence-Revisited                                  | Professor Paul Milich  |
| 8:50-9:00    | Stretch Break                                                           |                                                |
| 9:00-9:50    | Computer Evidence-Continued                                              |                                                |
| 9:50-10:10   | Refreshment Break                                                        |                                                |
| 10:10-11:00  | "Teens Learning Responsibility": Diversion and Disposition Approaches in Atlanta Municipal Court | Hon. Crystal Gaines  |
| 11:00-11:10  | Stretch Break                                                           |                                                |
| 11:10-noon   | Family Intervention Specialists, Inc.                                   | Dr. David F. Anthony  |
| Noon-1:00    | Planned Lunch for Afternoon Session Members                              |                                                |
| 1:00-4:00    | Humanities Discussion, Beautiful Boy, by David Scheff                    | Hon. Peggy Walker  |
| 7:30-8:00    | Continental Breakfast in Meeting Room                                   |                                                |
| 8:00-8:50    | Contempt of Court Reviewed: in Light of In re Jefferson                 | Atty. Chuck Olson  
               |                                                                        | Hon. Robert Rodatus |
| 8:50-9:00    | Stretch Break                                                           |                                                |
| 9:00-9:50    | Public Trust & Confidence in the Courts: Juvenile Court Context          | Hon. Stephen Schuster  |
| 9:50-10:10   | Refreshment Break                                                        |                                                |
| 10:10-12:00  | Attention Deficit and Hyper-activity Disorder (Or Bi-polar Disorder in Children and Adolescents): Definition, Cause, Onset of Symptoms, Progression, Effective Intervention Methods, Resolution of Disorder | Dr. Harvey Gayer |
Evaluation
Spring Seminar for Juvenile Court Judges, May 4-6, 2009
*5 is the highest possible score

Case Law Update
Lane Bearden
Tim Pape

4.35
4.05
4.19

Comments:
- Entraining, lively. Tim Pape = too much pink
- Difficult to keep up with handouts with same page numbers and presentation skipping around.
- Presenter did not always refer to page # of case being discussed. I spent too much time trying to follow discussion in handout.
- Lane Bearden: YAAAA Tim Pape: Zzzz
- Too rushed, didn’t cover material well.
- Love the PowerPoint! Either need to go in order or ref. the page #
- Judge Bearden’s presentation was very funny, but I not find it to be substantive. Judge Pape’s slides should be in sequence with the written materials, by the time I found the case the discussion was over.
- Did not fill time.
- Materials less than clear.
- Part I informative but hard to follow with outline. Part II entertaining even with the time problem.
- Would have liked page #s on slides to make following along and taking notes easier.
- Notes were difficult to follow during lecture.
- Case law review is always helpful.
- Please don’t read the synopsis for us - we can read them ourselves!
- Very good, but needs to slow down and get cases in order for us to follow.
- Went too fast. Enjoyed Bearden’s humor, but it distracted from info. presented.
- Necessary and good handouts
- Make handouts easier to follow, poor presentation
- Covered cases and laughed until I cried.

New Model Code
Velma Tilley
Wendi Clifton
Beth Reimels

4.24
4.4
4.08
4.07

Comments:
- Very helpful, helping me to understand where we are in the process.
- Good Job
- Let’s get it passed.
- Very impressed with the amount of information provided in such a concise manner and the fact that the presenters were so knowledgeable.
- More info than I need right now.
- Necessary and good handouts
- I appreciate Judge Tilley’s efforts.
- There is no reason to read what’s in the handout/ on the screen to us - we can read it ourselves.
Statute Update
Eric John
Cliff Joliff
Comments:
- Not accurate on DHR & records
- Very thorough and helpful
- Good Job
- Very important.
- Good, helpful information
- No need to read us the handouts.
- Good
- Necessary and good handouts
Eric John did not say much, but very good overall.
Very thorough and good slides.

Computer Evidence
Paul Milich
Comments:
- As usual best segment both as to topic and presentation.
- Always excellent, always helpful, relevant, always interesting.
- Always the absolute best in content and delivery
- A+ Speaker
- Clear, illustrative
- He is the best! Even with poor PA system.
- Always good.
The Prof. is always good.
- Good job, needs more time.
- Always an enjoyable presenter.
- Always excellent
- Outstanding, Very helpful.
- Good stuff
- Don’t see much of this in my circuit.
- Please have him for a whole day!
- The best speaker, again!
- Enjoyable!
- Great, as always!
- Excellent as always.
- Computer evidence excellent eyewitnesses not so helpful, we cover this a lot

Teens Learning Responsibility
Crystal Gaines
Comments:
- Not sure what this was about.
- Good handouts
- More details on modules
- Very good presenter with an extremely valuable program
- Nicely presented.
- O.K.
- For traffic offences in Fulton, the educate and dismiss, got it.
- I plan to look into this program for local adoption in my area.
- Very thorough presentation
- Very straight forward presentation
- No topic is completely useless, but this one was close, info. Really applies to 17-21 year olds. Perhaps some courts handle lots of traffic cases, but my court doesn’t, traffic cases may compromise less that 10% of my total cases.
- Very organized.
- Good summary and options for disposition.

**Family Intervention Specialists**

**Mr. David Anthony**

**Comments:**
- Has a great deal of insight into practical issues.
- Great job
- A little dry.
- Good. A little more in-depth discussion of the programs would be a good thing to consider.
- Informative and entertaining
- Interesting, but not very useful. More like an infomercial or presentation designed to solicit business.
- Knew his subject extremely well and did a good job presenting the topic.
- Excellent - loved the insight.

**Beautiful Boy**

**Peggy Walker**

**Comments:**
- Great job, the passion shows.
- Wonderful book - very helpful insight. Judge Walker was a great moderator and extremely knowledgeable.
- She did a great job!

**Contempt of Court**

**Chuck Olson**

**Robert Rodatus**

**Comments:**
- Handout reproduction was awful, unusable
- Materials are hard to read because of background,
- Clear as mud.
- Graphics in handout only partially readable.
- Handout material is largely illegible, frustrating
- Difficult to read written material, but substantive information was helpful.
- I am surprised that the juvenile court judge who was involved in the case was not invited to be a part of the panel to discuss the decision. Had he not spoken up, we would not have known he was in the room. Also, it would have been much more effective to play the movie clip.
- Well done
- Very Good.
- Excellent presentation.
- Need better copy of materials
- Needed more time
- Good coverage of complex issues.
Public Trust 4.47
Stephen Schuster 4.52

Comments:
- Good speaker
- Very engaging speaker
- Important topic to emphasize in light of public sentiment.
- Very Good Job
- Great talk
- Did he really fire CASA???
- For a last day speaker and a not so “sexy” topic, he held my attention.
- Nobody is better.

Bi Polar in Children 4.17
Harvey Gayer 3.95

Comments:
- Good Handout
- Pretty laid back.
- Too unfocused, what is probably the expertise of the presenter was eclipsed by excessive comments by audience.
- Is this guy HIGH?
- Either off his minds or off his meds.
- Fun! Like to have him again.
- Fair.
- He may be brilliant, but...
- Interesting topic.
- Excellent presentation.
- Need introductory level and advanced level of this lecture, we cover the basics every year or two.

Final Comments:
- Suggested Topic: Child development as it relates to the child, participation in deprivation related proceedings.
- Audio System was awful. Too much feedback, fuzzy audio, inadequate attention to problem. Problems on day 1 no better in day 2. The volume was too high, speakers should not be so close to mic, or volume should be turned down.
- Need sessions on: 1) Changes to mental health reorganization 2) Criteria for M R waiver, services with waiver 3) Process for waiver 4) Access to services for children with M H needs and differences in access for children with insurance (private), CMO Medicaid, DFCS Medicaid 5) Changes to residential treatment reduced to 90 days, transition to community services 6) Kids net system of care, access, services, case management.
- The speakers for all of the sessions were very informative and well prepared. As a relatively new judge, I am impressed with the efforts made by the group to make the seminar worthwhile for every session.
- Keep this conference on coast - topics were very good. Coast should rotate to Jekyll Island - Savannah - Sea Palms and so forth. Fall conference should be in Atlanta on a Monday & Tuesday w/ committee meetings on Sunday. Terrible mic. System - very difficult to hear.
- More evidence, treatment courts, drug screen issues dilute, tampering etc...
- Please fix the audio system before we return.

Participants: 125   Evaluations: 68
Spring 2009 State Court Judges Conference {tentative agenda}
May 13 - 15, 2009, Brasstown Valley Hotel & Conference Center
{* = confirmed leader; ^ = invited leader; # = suggested leader}

Wednesday, May 13, 2009  {4.0 MCJE hrs & 3.5 MCLE hrs include 1.5 TrPr}
2 hrs: Evidence Update: Electronic Data as Evidence & Eyewitness Testimonial Evidence
   . . . Revisited {1.5 TrPr}; noon - 2:00, Prof. Paul Milich*, GSU College of Law
1 hr: Case Assistance Exchange; 2:00-3:00, Judge Janis Gordon*, DeKalb Co
1 hr: Business Meeting - Georgia Council of State Court Judges; 3:00 - 4:00, Judge John Carbo*, Clayton Co., Presiding
. 5 hr: Judicial Retirement Services Overviewed; 4:00 - 4:30, Ms. Anna Geist*, JRS
. 5 hr: Update on Work of the 2009 Legislature - Perspective from the House; 4:30 - 5:00,
   Atty. Wendell Willard*, Atlanta, State Representative
Group Dinner, hosted by the Council of State Court Judges, from 6:30 pm - until ???

Thursday, May 14, 2009  {7.0 MCJE hrs & 3.5 MCLE hrs, include 1.0 Prf}
Continuous Break, to include hot breakfast item, from 7 am
2 hrs: Criminal Case Law Update; 8:00 - 10:00, Judge Ben Studdard*, Henry County
1 hr: DDS Practices Update: Driver’s License Suspension, Revocation and Reinstatement
   Policies & Procedures of DDS; 10:00 - 11:00, Ms. Pamela Woods*, DDS
1 hr: Awarding Attorneys’ Fees; 11:00 - 12:00, Judge Wayne Purdom*, DeKalb Co.
1.5 hrs: Group Luncheon w/ Speaker – Update on Programs of the State Bar of Georgia;
   noon - 1:30, Atty. Bryan Cavan*, President-Elect, State Bar of Georgia
3 hrs: Judging & Humanities Immersion: Beautiful Boy - a father’s journey through his
   son’s addiction {1.0 Prf}; 1:30 - 4:30, written by Daniel Sheff, discussion led by Judge
   Robert Castellani*, Stone Mountain Circuit

Friday, May 15, 2009  {4.0 MCJE hrs & 3.5 MCLE hrs, include 1.0 Eth}
Continuous Break, to include hot breakfast item, from 7 am
1 hr: Bankruptcy & Its Impact on Proceedings in State Court; 3:00 - 4:00, Judge Joyce
   Bihary*, US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of GA
1 hr: Specialty Courts: Handling Misdemeanants Presenting Mental Health Issues; 9:00 -
   10:00, Judge Kathy Gosselin*, Northeastern Circuit
1 hr: Judicial Ethics & Discipline: Disqualification, Recusal and Remittal {1.0 Eth}; 10:00 -
   11:00, Judge John Allen*, Chattahoochee Circuit & JQC of GA
. 5 hr: Contempt of Court Reviewed: In Light of In Re Jefferson; 11:00 - 11:30, Atty. Chuck
   Olson* & Judge Rob Rodatus*
. 5 hr: Judicially Hosted Case Settlement: Concept & Resources; 11:30 - noon, Atty. Steve
   Boswell*

[Note: conference begins at noon on WED & ends at noon on FRI]
EVALUATION
Spring 2009 State Court Judges Conference
May 13-May 15 at Brasstown Valley Hotel & Conference Center

Evidence Update: Electronic Data... 4.7
Prof. Paul Milich 4.9
Comments:
-Paul’s presentation is always a great way to learn evidence.
-As always great. I liked having him first up!
-Outstanding- as always
-Always good
-Excellent
-A very good instructor
-Always a great speaker
-Excellent as always
-Always interesting & useful
-always the best
-He is always my favorite speaker!
-Excellent presentation
- Prof. Milich, as always, was thorough, detailed & responsive to all questions- yet light at appropriate moments
-Always great
-Great. If/when the new evidence code is adopted I believe there should be at least one ICJE multi-seminar on the new code. I believe a large portion, if not all, of the course should be presented by Milich.
-Always a good presentation
-Good, as always

Case Assistance Exchange 4.4
Judge Janis Gordon 4.4
Comments:
-Very helpful
-Well done
-Interesting
-Always good
-Would like more than an hour of this presentation- it is very helpful to hear other judges discuss how they address issues.
-Always include at least one hour for case assistance exchange.
-Very helpful!
-Discussion among Judges- good, detailed & lively
-Well prepared
-Excellent

Judicial Retirement Services Overviewed 4.5
Ms. Anna Geist 4.3
Comments:
-Change in program schedule on Wednesday should have been announced in advance
-Very informative
-Very informative- good speaker
-Great presentation & materials
-Good info & PowerPoint was great!
-More time available after session!
Update on Work of the 2009 Legislature - Perspective from the House 4.5
Atty. Wendell Willard 4.5

Comments:
- Good materials & presentation
- Rep. Willard was brief, informative & response to questions.
- Excellent handout on changes to Title 24! But a little too much talk about Superior Court-related materials.
- Terrific presentation
- REM

Criminal Case Law Update 4.9
Judge Ben Studdard 4.9

Comments:
- Materials & website are excellent
- Outstanding
- Always good
- Great program- informative as always
- Excellent materials & presentation
- May need to expand time to 2.5 hours
- Great presentation & info!
- Great materials
- Good presentation- needed more time
- Great info/ updates very valuable
- Very responsive to questions
- Always presents a great update

DDS Practices Update: Driver's License Suspension... 4.1
Ms. Pamela Woods 3.9

Comments:
- No handout diminished the score
- Need more time
- More time, their very Jpt to track cover [?] 
- Difficult to follow w/out a handout
- Always like this- tell them to bring handouts
- Please send us an email with materials
- Not well organized
- Not on topic
- Confusing answers to questions
- Good info but should have had a handout at time of presentation
- Effective speaker but Jennifer Ammons is more knowledgeable. I think DDS should always send a lawyer to talk to us.
- Only suggestion is to narrow the issues covered to just suspensions- some of the slides dealt w/ other less important issues, but suspension issues are what we need to know about.
- Sloppily presented! Much of this didn’t pertain to DDS or our work.
- How I miss Darrin Mize!
- Very helpful!
- Great presentation of dry material
- We need a copy of her presentation
- Great presenter! Wonderful people person
- Very knowledgeable!
- Included unnecessary materials, such as suspension of probate & magistrate court training
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<td>Materials great! Presentation- dry!! Winston Bethel would also be a great presenter on this topic.</td>
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-Very good
-Informative, good outline
-Great presentation & materials
-Thought provoking
-Very good speaker
-Good job. We need to emphasize ethics in our training

Contempt of Court Reviewed: In Light of In Re Jefferson  4.7
Atty. Chuck Olson  4.7
Judge Rob Rodatus  4.7
Comments:
-Good; creative. Loved My Cousin Vinny references
-I never felt comfortable before with this issue, but now have sufficient info to handle- thanks!
-Excellent presentation manner
-Great presentation & materials, by both speakers. Interesting presentation of a potentially dry subject.
-Great team. Welcomed Info!
-Excellent new stuff

Judicially Hosted Case Settlement: Concept & Resources  5
Atty. Steve Boswell  5
Comments:
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
-More traffic
-More criminal
-Overall one of the better seminars in several years!
-In the materials provided at each seminar, could you provide a list of attendees? As a relatively new judge it would be helpful to have everyone’s name.
-Please ask the set-up folks to give us more room- we were packed in like sardines! I’m a short person & just barely had leg room (and table legs were everywhere!). It’s nice to be able to spread out & have some elbow room. Also, how about a configuration like this-

- speaker


More congenial b/c we can see each other. Just some suggestions- thanks!!
-We might need to revisit Judicial Stress Management. The NJC has a full week course on this and could provide a resource for speaker.
-Best part of the program, should have handed out copies of In RE Jefferson and other related cases.

62 Evaluations /90 Participants
Probate Clerks’ Training
May 27-29, 2009
Jekyll Island Club Hotel
Jekyll Island, Georgia

Wednesday, May 27th, 2009

1:00 - 2:00 Adult Guardianships
Kim Willson, Chief Clerk
Houston County Probate Ct.

2:00 - 2:50 Office De-escalation Techniques
Lt. Chuck Simmons,
Henry County Police Dept.

<2:50 - 3:10> <BREAK>

3:10 - 4:00 Concealed Weapons
Pat Lanier Jones, Chief Clerk
Bulloch County Probate Ct.

4:00 - 5:00 Developing an Office Safety Plan
Lt. Chuck Simmons

Thursday, May 28th, 2009

8:00 - 9:50 Petition to Probate Will
Hon. Lynwood D. Jordan, Jr.
Forsyth County Probate Ct.

<9:50 - 10:10> <BREAK>

10:10 - 11:50 Panel Discussion
Pat Lanier Jones
Kim Willson

12:00 <GROUP LUNCH>

1:00 - 2:00 Orders to Apprehend
Hon. Tammy S. Brown
Barrow County Probate Ct.

2:00 - 2:50 Fireworks
Kim Willson

<2:50 - 3:10> <BREAK>

3:10 - 4:00 Compromised Claims
Hon. Lillis J. Brown
Rockdale County Probate Ct.

4:00 - 5:00 Year’s Support
Hon. Lillis J. Brown

Friday, May 29th, 2009

8:00 - 9:50 Traffic Update
Karen Brooks, DDS

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10:10 - 11:00 Language Line
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11:00 - 12:00 Traffic Q & A
Hon. Kathryn B. Martin
Lamar County Probate Ct.

Hon. Tammy S. Brown
Program Evaluation Form

Please assist the ICJE in evaluating this program by grading each unit on the usefulness of the topic and the effectiveness of the presenter’s. Circle a number between 1 and 5, with a 5 indicating highest approval. Please also add your narrative assessment of the instruction.

**Wednesday May 27, 2009**

**Adult Guardianships** 4.6
Kim Willson 4.8
Comments:
-These seem to be increasing, so I was glad to see it on the schedule. Nice job!
-Well presented and informative. Thank God she did not just read PowerPoint to us! Got us involved.
-enjoyed the presentation- PowerPoint colorful
-excellent program, very helpful & informative

**Office De-escalation Techniques** 4.8
Lt. Chuck Simmons 4.8
Comments:
-Should have made this more applicable to court instead of so much police situations
-need to add color to PowerPoint
-another excellent & entertaining informative speaker

**Developing an Office Safety Plan** 4.6
Lt. Chuck Simmons 4.8
Comments:
-Good pointers to implement in our office
-each county should do the training, not here
-very good

**Thursday May 28, 2009**

**Petition to Probate Will** 4.8
Hon. Lynwood D. Jordan, Jr. 4.9
Comments:
-Outstanding, needs to do more conferences
-Best presentation, with most useful information given that I have ever received since being a clerk.
-Excellent!
-Great to get us involved. Like the on hands experience of Easter Egg hunt.
-Topic good refresher
-great program

**Panel Discussion** 4.7
Comments:
-I always learn more with daily probate examples rather than PowerPoint “Blah,blah” They were welcoming questions and comments!
-good discussion
Orders to Apprehend  4.9  
Hon. Tammy Brown  5.0  
Comments:  
- Very good speaker 
- Very good!!  
- Great speaker! Always a pleasure.  
- As always very helpful, knowledgeable, informative; makes you feel like you are important and your questions and/or comments are important  
- great! Very informative  
- I always enjoy Judge Brown- she makes any subject interesting  
- Love Judge Brown!

Fireworks  4.3  
Kim Willson  4.5  
Comments:  
- Simply lost due to never processed one, but I think I have a tool to work with now  
- like she said how much can you tell about fireworks  
- Kim is a good teacher, bring her back!

Compromised Claims  4.7  
Hon. Lillis Brown  4.8  
Comments:  
- Great!  
- Lots of valuable information, but not enough time especially...  
- love Judge Brown- just wish she has some color in her slide presentation- enjoy listening to her talk  
- too long- she had extra time and we still went over  
- excellent  
- good, knowledgable speaker

Year's Support  4.8  
Hon. Lillis Brown  4.8  
Comments:  
- Very informative, much needed info, presented very well.  
- ...with this following. Just too much to absorb!  
- She made yrs support interesting her presentation on with some color much more appealing  
- too long. Same thing. We've been here since 7:30 am and would like to have some time away from work stuff before sunset  
- always learn something new; Great class!  
- don't do either of these much but great information

Friday May 29, 2009  
Traffic Update  4.5  
Karen Brooks, DDS  4.5  
Comments:  
- Ms. Brooks seemed unsure of her answers. Didn't make herself clear with questions asked.  
- She acts like she resents any of our questions. Like just shut up and listen to what I have to say. As a clerk I need all the help & understanding that I can get.  
- dry presentation, mostly read screen

Concealed Weapons  4.4  
Pat Lanier Jones  4.8
Comments:
- Good job - even though nervous

Traffic Q & A

Comments:
- Good discussion

Additional Comments/Suggested Future Topics:
- New location next year!
- Have someone to discuss Annual/Final Returns (detailed)
- Very good classes
- We need more Traffic training.
- Sure missed Sherry Carson and her special touches. Ex.: We could have voted to skip some of these breaks and continue with class! I always felt like my presence was important in every other seminar that I have attended w/ Sherry Carson. But with this 1, no one seemed to care if you were here or not.
- Check off lists will be great.
- Presentations were excellent
- Procedure for claims files against estates
- The lunch is always disgusting. Can’t we have normal food, like fried chicken or hamburgers? Even a hot dog would be better. It’s been the same nasty menu for 3 years running.
- Buffet would be better for lunch; helps us who have allergies.

31 Evaluations / 62 Participants
ICJE Program Agenda
WebCT Domestic Violence
June 1 – 26, 2009

☐ Advance Reading
   --8 Hours Advance Reading Credit:
   Finding Susan by Molly Hurley Moran

☐ Module 1 (Week 1): June 1-5, 2009
   --3 Hours Online
   --Topic: Participant Introductions and
           Finding Susan by Molly Hurley Moran
   --Instructor: Dr. Molly Moran

☐ Module 2 (Week 2): June 8-12, 2009 (2 CLE)
   --3 Hours Online
   --Topic: Characteristics of DV
   --Instructor: Dr. Lynda Hanscome

☐ Module 3 (Week 3): June 15-19, 2009 (2 CLE)
   --3 Hours Online
   --Topic: The Role of Law Enforcement in DV Cases
   --Instructor: Judge Rick Faber

☐ Module 4 (Week 4): June 22-26, 2009 (2 CLE)
   --3 Hours Online
   --Topic: Magistrate Court Domestic Violence Benchbook:
           Practical Applications and Beyond
   --Instructor: Judge Charles Auslander
              Attorney Joan Prittie
Module 1 – Participant Introductions & Finding Susan Book Discussion

Comments:
I enjoyed the book but wished that it had been a book of fiction instead of a story of abuse & loss of life of a precious loved one. I especially enjoyed the feedback from Molly Moran.

Module 2 – Characteristics of DV

Comments:
Excellent presentation. The information learned will be very helpful as I perform my duties as a magistrate. I was also impressed with the feedback Dr. Hanscome provided to each response.

Module 3 – The Role of Law Enforcement In DV Cases

Comments:
Valuable information provided.
I saw that other judges felt very similar to my feelings in reference to the role that Law Enforcement plays in DV cases.

Module 4 – Magistrate Court DV Benchbook: Practical Applications and Beyond

Comments:
Excellent presentation.
I really enjoyed reading the comments from other judges about their views on the subject of Domestic Violence.

Course Reflection:

1) What part of the domestic violence curriculum interested you the most?

All of it. I have a deep rooted personal interest in DV.

I enjoyed all of the modules, but I think Module 4 brought forth an area that is lacking, the implementation of a Domestic Violence protocol and what we, as Magistrate Judges, can do to improve our courts and help victims of DV.

The videos interested me most, especially ones in segment two and four.

I liked reading the book and reading about how the victims family dealt with her abusive relationship, her disappearance and her death.

The entire curriculum was very interesting and informative. If I must pick the most interesting, it would be Magistrate Court Domestic Violence Benchbook: Practical Applications and beyond, because I can apply the information in DV cases that come before me.

I enjoyed the entire curriculum. I especially enjoyed listening to and learning from my colleagues.

I enjoyed the whole course. The video on Module 4 was very informative.

The book. I was very taken with the psychological characteristics of the victim and abuser.

Also the collateral effect on family.

The book “Finding Susan”.

For me all the modules have given me a better view of what domestic violence entails. I have gained a few tools that I can take and use to inform my police officer and sheriff’s deputies of some of the factors that are involved in the DV case. The feedback from the other members of the team have really been great and has shown me a lot of different ways that other magistrate courts are able to help victims of DV that I can incorporate in my office. This course has been well thought out and very well presented.

1) continued:
All of the material was interesting. Module one was compelling, it is amazing to me that Molly could go so far into matters that were so deeply personal and revealing. It caused me to examine my own feelings in a way that I think was beneficial to the way that I do my job.
Module four was also a good opportunity to do some self-examination. People ask us to do the wrong thing far too often. Reading everyone’s responses to the “chief’s request” really made me feel good about the conscientiousness and integrity that everyone brings to the job.
I enjoyed the entire course and I particularly like the format of an online course. The 4th module interested me the most. To see how other Magistrate Courts try to deal with all the issues we are forced to deal with, mainly b/c there is no one else to deal with them.
I enjoyed reading other judges responses. Even though I am in rural Georgia, I see that we have some of the same issues as other counties.

2) Did you find yourself agreeing or disagreeing with other participants generally?
Agreeing - Generally I agreed with them, but I found myself lacking in some respects, in comparison to some other judges.
I agreed with other participants in most questions but some I find a need for further explanations.
I also enjoyed the discussions and I think I probably did a little of both, agreed and disagreed.
I found myself essentially agreeing with the other participants.
Generally I mostly agreed with everyone. I did learn some things on each module. I did enjoy hearing what others did in these situations and I learned something from the others.
I was generally in agreement and appreciate the conviction that they expressed.
Agreeing most of the time.
In all the modules members of our team had a lot of the same views as how they handle a DV case. There were very few topics that I viewed differently from my teammates.
There wasn’t anything to really disagree with–everyone is serious about what they do and undertake the responsibilities admirably. I learn from how others do and I always get ideas and practical applications when I listen to others.

3) What readings or discussions challenged your past assumptions?
I enjoyed the entire course and would love to see some more on-line classes for everything we handle in our court.
In reading and discussing the book “Finding Susan” I came to the realization that not all law enforcement officers are doing all they can and some are downright inept.
Dr. Hanscome’s readings and discussions challenged me the most, the readings were very interesting although they were not required, I learned a lot studying them. Good job Doctor Hanscome.
Reading the book, “Finding Susan” changed some of my past assumptions that most women remain in abusive situations because of financial dependency, lack of education, lack of family support and the inability to get help. Susan did not fit either description; yet she remained in that abusive relationship until her life was taken.
I found the readings consistent with my experience, so they further informed my existing beliefs.
I enjoyed reading the book and it gave me great insight in how a case is resolved from start to finish and that sometimes the out come is not fair and just. I also enjoyed and learned from Module 4. About officers responsibilities.
The video of the Asian family provoked a great deal of thought that made me look a little deeper at the barriers to doing a proper investigation and drove home the point that these situations are not often clear-cut. Good, though provoking discussion here. “Finding Susan” focused my thoughts as to why victims remain in an abusive relationship and had me concentrating on the forensic psychological aspect of the story.
The round table discussion.
3) continued:
For me Module 4 because it really gave me a view of the domestic violence from a different angle. Module 3 the video and the discussion board dealing with the scene that was shown. Module 2 I really can use the material that was used to inform some of my officers and deputies of issues that involve DV.
Mostly about the victim and abuser.
Experience has challenged my past assumptions more than anything. The statistics in the Benchbook are helpful when I get on my soapbox to LEO’s about how they should be approaching these situations more studiously and seriously as I will be using this information to back up my rants.

4) Will you handle any part of your domestic violence work differently? If so, what?
I think I will have more compassion for DV victims in the future. I have always had a certain sympathy for them, but I think in the future I’ll try to work harder with Victim’s Advocates and anyone else who can assist these victims. The public needs to be made aware of these issues as well.
I would say yes, after reviewing how others would handle certain situations, I have learned new ways to handle them.
I believe that our judges are handling our domestic violence cases properly.
In the future, I will pay closer attention to risk factors surrounding each DV case, particularly the factors discussed in required readings for Module 4.
The course has reinforced my approach to DV cases, so I will continue to do what I’ve been doing, with renewed purpose and commitment.
We try to do a thorough job and I think for the most part that we do. I will look at the victim with more empathy and will be more aware of the danger they could be in. I will not take lightly and victim that comes in for help no matter how slight their injuries might be.
I believe that I will be more deliberative in setting bonds in DV cases and emphasize victim protection when I believe it is warranted. I am also interested in the lethality factors.
Take a deep breath, listen and watch.
Yes, I will try to get our officers and deputies to see that DV is a very serious crime and should be handled better at the time of the call.
I think the way we are handling cases now is sufficient.
I’m going to start working on our Solicitor General about a DV arraignment date and convince her that not only will it benefit the victim, the accused and society in general, but I think it will improve work load conditions in her office as well.
Even though we do things a little different, I have picked up on several procedures that I can use to improve the conditions for the victim.

5) What was the most important thing you learned about dealing with domestic violence cases?
Regardless of whether you live in rural GA. Or Atlanta, we all seem to face the same problems, just different faces on the victims. DV is a disease that needs to be wiped out.
But the sad fact is that as long as people live together there is going to be violence and there is going to be a need for us, the Judges that care.
That each one of them should be taken seriously and given full attention.
Most I learned was to be neutral and detached, be fair to all use a little common sense and run a respectfully court. We are always open for suggestions and changes that we could make.
This is quite difficult, because every part of the curriculum was important. However, the numerous restrictions that can be imposed on a defendant as a condition of bond in DV cases stood out. Since we as judges have an obligation to try to protect victims of DV, every restriction/condition placed on the perpetrator reduces the risk of a victim being abused again or murdered.
The most important thing I learned about dealing with DV cases is how critical it is to assess them retrospectively and prospectively - to carefully consider the past history of a case and to make decisions with deliberate contemplation of the worst-case future scenario.
5) continued:
That each case is different with different degrees of violence and that we should do everything in our power to help the victim get the help she/he needs and when possible get the batterer in jail. FVA problem this is increasing.
That they be dealt with quickly, firmly, resolutely and aggressively.
That there is more elements to Domestic Violence than we have been able to see because a lot of cases are not reported. That DV cases maybe or they are already beginning to increase more and more each moth. That officers and deputies have a more important role in DV cases than they realize. As a Judge I have a better understanding of my role and new tools I can use or try to get in place to be able to better handle the DV cases that I will face in the future.
It is an ongoing problem in America today because usually the victim winds up going back to the abuser; and it all starts over again.
The most important thing for me to remember about all domestic violence cases is that you never know when “the one” is going to happen because you can’t predict with any certainty which case is going to explode into something worse. Approach each one in a consistent manner that provides protection to the victim as well as constitutional protection to the accused. Oh yeah, and don’t forget to pray!

Additional Comments:
I have enjoyed reading all of the Judges answers and I wouldn’t have missed this class for the world. Everyone got a chance to have their say, not just a select few, like in the live classes I have attended over the years.
Some of the judges taking our course were so professional and I know they do their jobs well. I hope to be able to have them in other ICJE classes in the future.
I would like to see more on-line classes dealing with all aspects of Magistrate Court. I enjoyed reading the responses from fellow judges.
Thanks to all the instructors and participants - it was a pleasure to cyber-learn with all of you!
Very helpful course. On-Line is a very workable format.
In my opinion all presentations were good. A lot of work went to each one, so I will give an A (5) good course.
Enjoyed the format of the “Webinar” - great way to be cost effective.
I really enjoyed this class on-line. I found the book very interesting and also at the same time helpful. I also enjoyed reading everyone’s comments and opinions. Sometimes it is good to be able to just share your thoughts with someone else too.
I believe that with so many courts needing to cut cost as must as possible, online courses are a ideal way to do that. I feel that this online course is a very good learning tool. It provided me with valuable information, covered very good topics, and the input of other judges, from different parts of the state, as to the actions they use when faced with DV cases has helped me to do a better job and look at things involved in DV in a new light.
I am sorry that we couldn’t come to Athens for the class.
I liked the final discussion and the factors considered. I will try to get more background facts. I will have more officer protection for parties at hearings.
I think our county has an excellent court system at this time. I have learned a lot in our county over the years from the other judges and I appreciate them very much.
I really enjoyed everything.
The entire curriculum was well presented and the information will serve as a valuable tool for me. I printed all of the mandatory readings and the optional readings to keep as a reference when needed. I hope you will consider other online courses on issues faced by magistrates.
More online classes for everything we handle in our court. Great Course!
Participants: 18  -  Evaluations: 16  -  7/17/09
# OFFICIAL ICJE PROGRAM

## 20-Hour Firearms Awareness and Safety Course

**Professional Enrichment Product** (PEP)

**June 18 – 19, 2009**

GLOCK Professional, Inc. 6000 Highlands Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082

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**FULL ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR MCJE CREDIT**

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### EVALUATION

**Firearms Awareness & Safety Course (PEP)**  
June 18 - 19, 2009 - Smyrna, Athens, GA 30082

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(5) Greatest Approval
Review Common Errors

Comments:
None

Phil Taylor

Excellent Instructor.
The best!
Thanks for constructed criticism.
Phil is good.
Great teacher. Very informative.

Additional Comments:
Great time!
Thank you for providing this course.
Excellent Course.

NOW - Need advanced class.
Great Course. Sure like to have Personal Protection Class offered.
Excellent, well paced presentation.
Very informative & useful.
Great Class!
This was a wonderful opportunity. Program is excellent!
I enjoyed the class. It never hurts to review even the basis.
Good Course.
Program needs to continue.

Participants: 28 Evaluations: 25