

# Rules Governing Judicial Education

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## **25-101. Scope and title.**

A. **Scope.** These rules establish the requirements for judicial education for the magistrate, municipal and probate courts.

B. **Title.** These rules may be cited as the Rules Governing Judicial Education.

[As added, effective July 1, 1987.]

## **25-102. Qualification for office; required training.**

A. **Qualification for office.** Each magistrate court judge, municipal court judge and probate court judge shall qualify for office by attending a judicial qualification training course approved by the administrative office of the courts.

B. **Application for magistrate judge qualification.** Prior to assuming the duties of judge after initial election or appointment, each magistrate court judge shall file with the administrative office of the courts:

(1) a certificate of election or appointment of the judge; and

(2) a copy of the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of New Mexico for public officers subscribed to by the applicant.

C. **Application for municipal or probate judge qualification.** After initial election or appointment, a municipal court judge or probate court judge shall notify the administrative office of the courts of his election or appointment. Upon notification of the appointment or election of a municipal court judge or probate court judge, the administrative office of the courts shall approve a judicial qualification training plan for the judge. The approved plan shall include a time period for completion of initial qualification training.

**D. Certificate of qualification.** The administrative office of the courts shall issue to each magistrate court, municipal court and probate court judge a certificate of qualification upon completion of the application requirements.

[Effective July 1, 1987; as amended, effective July 1, 1988.]

**The 1988 amendment**, effective July 1, 1988, in Paragraph B, deleted "magistrate judge" preceding "qualification" in the heading, deleted "municipal court judge and probate court judge" following "magistrate court judge" near the beginning, deleted former paragraph A(1), which read "a certificate signed by the judge that he has attended a judicial qualification course approved by the administrative office of the courts" and redesignated former Paragraphs B(2) and B(3) as present Paragraphs B(1) and B(2); added present Paragraph C; redesignated former Paragraph C as present Paragraph D, substituting "upon completion of the application requirements" for the former provisions setting forth three specific qualifications for office.

### **25-103. Continuing judicial education; magistrate judges; municipal court judges; probate judges.**

**A. Annual educational requirements.** Every magistrate court judge, municipal court judge and probate court judge shall annually attend approved judicial education programs for not less than the minimum number of continuing judicial education hours required by the administrative office of the courts.

**B. Approved programs.** The annual continuing judicial education requirements of this rule may be satisfied for any calendar year by:

(1) attending an annual training program conducted by the administrative office of the courts;

(2) attending a minimum number of hours of continuing judicial education programs approved by the administrative office of the courts; or

(3) attending the initial judicial education program required by Rule 25-102.

**C. Reporting requirements.** Unless a certificate for the year has been issued previously by the administrative office of the courts, on or before December 31 of each calendar year, each magistrate court judge, municipal court judge and probate court judge shall certify to the administrative office of the courts that he has attended approved continuing judicial education programs for not less than the minimum number of hours required by the administrative office of the courts. No acknowledgement is necessary for a certificate filed pursuant to this paragraph.

[Effective July 1, 1987; as amended, effective July 1, 1988.]

**The 1988 amendment**, effective July 1, 1988, in Paragraph C, inserted "unless a

certificate for the year has been issued previously by the administrative office of the courts" and "court" following "magistrate" in the first sentence.

**25-104. Required training; failure to attend.**

The supreme court may suspend or remove any magistrate court judge, municipal court judge or probate court judge who fails to attend the initial judicial training or the minimum number of annual judicial education hours required by these rules.

[As added, effective July 1, 1987.]