State of New York Court of Appeals



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Pursuant to Article VI, § 28(c) of the State Constitution and section 211 of the Judiciary Law, upon consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, and with the approval of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, I hereby amend, effective immediately, Part 17 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, by adding the underlined material to section 17.3 as follows:

Section 17.3 Training and education of judges and justices other than town and village justices

- (a) The Unified Court System shall provide training and education for its judges and justices, other than town and village justices, which shall include annual seminars, special seminars for new judges, anti-bias training and such other courses, classes and presentations as the Chief Administrator of the Courts deems appropriate in consultation and agreement with the Administrative Board of the Courts. Judges and justices shall attend at least 24 hours of such training and education courses, classes and presentations, including two hours of anti-bias training, every two calendar years, which may include, with the approval of the Chief Administrator, courses, classes and presentations provided outside of the Unified Court System.
- (b) In addition to the training and education requirement they must meet pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, all judges and justices subject to such subdivision shall attend any further courses, classes, seminars, trainings, or other form of continuing education as shall be required by the Chief Administrator when the Chief Administrator determines in consultation and agreement with the Administrative Board of the Courts such attendance is necessary to promote the fair and efficient administration of justice.

- (c) The Chief Administrator also may grant credit in complying with the requirements of this rule for the teaching of courses and classes, the making of presentations, and the writing of publications, directed to the training and education of judges or to the presentation of a judicial perspective.
- (d) In providing training and education for judges and justices pursuant to this section, the Chief Administrator shall ensure in consultation and agreement with the Administrative Board of the Courts that all courses, classes, and presentations include instructions as to recent statutory and regulatory changes, if any, pertinent to the subject matter thereof. In addition, the Chief Administrator shall throughout the year notify each judge or justice of any statutory change affecting the jurisdiction or procedures of the court to which such judge or justice is assigned as soon as practicable after such change becomes a law.

 Where appropriate and not inconsistent with the responsibilities of his or her office, the Chief Administrator may also supplement any such notification with the provision of explanatory analyses or other related materials.

Chief Judge of the State of New York

Attest:

Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Dated: December 12, 2023

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