

State of New York
Court of Appeals



Janet DiFiore
Chief Judge

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Albany, New York 12207

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, section 17.2 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, by adding the underlined material as follows:

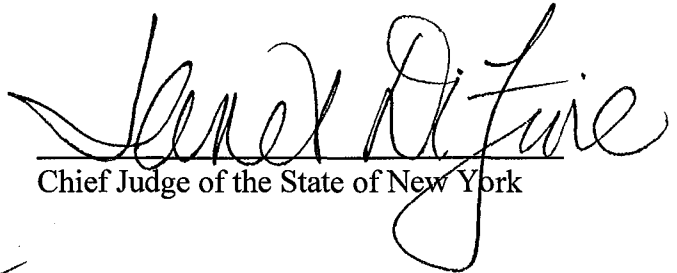
17.2 Training and Education of Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks.


Training programs, under the auspices of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, shall be conducted for town and village justices at least three times per year at various locations in the State, in the following manner:

- (a) The training programs shall consist of a basic and an advanced course which shall include anti-bias training. All newly selected justices, who are not members of the Bar of this State, shall attend the first available basic course, including one hour of anti-bias training, after their selection. Upon successful completion of such basic course, certification shall be issued which shall be valid until the next available advanced course. The aforesaid justices shall then be required to successfully complete such advanced course, including one hour of anti-bias training, and thereupon shall receive a certificate of completion.
- (b) Every incumbent nonlawyer justice heretofore certified or certified pursuant to this section, shall be required to successfully complete an advanced course of training, including one hour of anti-bias training, once in each calendar year thereafter while holding office in order to maintain certification.
- (c) Successful completion of a training program, as herein provided, shall mean attendance at no less than 80 percent of the sessions thereof including one hour of anti-bias training and a passing grade on a written examination in such course as established by the Chief Administrator.
- (d) The Chief Administrator may issue temporary certificates to nonlawyer justices which shall be valid until the time of the next available course.
- (e) Each newly elected or appointed justice who is a member of the Bar of this State shall attend the first available advanced course of training after his or her election or appointment. Each such justice shall attend an advanced course of training, including one hour of anti-bias training, each calendar year thereafter while holding office. Attendance at an advanced course shall mean

attendance at no less than 80 percent of the sessions thereof, including one hour of anti-bias training. The Chief Administrator shall issue appropriate certificates of attendance.

(f) Each court clerk in a town or village court shall annually complete a training or continuing education program, which includes one hour of anti-bias training, approved by the Chief Administrator of the Courts.


Chief Judge of the State of New York

Attest: 
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Dated: March 17, 2022

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