

# RULES GOVERNING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

## 1987 Compilation

### NMRA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF THE :  
RULES GOVERNING JUDICIAL  
EDUCATION : 8000 Misc.

This matter coming on for consideration by the court and the court being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Scarborough, Senior Justice Sosa, Justice Stowers, Justice Walters and Justice Ransom concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Rules Governing Judicial Education be and the same are hereby adopted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Rules Governing Judicial Education shall govern mandatory judicial education for the Magistrate, Municipal and Probate Courts;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of the Rules Governing Judicial Education shall be effective on and after July 1, 1987, provided that the Administrative Office of the Courts may allow credit for judicial continuing education hours attended after January 1, 1987, but prior to July 1, 1987;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of the court is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the adoption of the Rules Governing Judicial Education by mailing a copy to every Magistrate Court Judge, Municipal Court Judge and Probate Judge and by publishing the same in the NMSA 1978.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 4th day of March, 1987.

/s/ TONY SCARBOROUGH

Chief Justice

/s/ DAN SOSA, JR.

Senior Justice

/s/ HARRY E. STOWERS, JR.

Justice

/s/ MARY C. WALTERS

Justice

/s/ RICHARD E. RANSOM

Justice

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF RULES :  
25-102 AND 15-103 OF THE  
RULES : 8000 Misc.  
GOVERNING JUDICIAL EDUCATION :

This matter coming on for consideration by the court and the court being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Scarborough, Senior Justice Sosa, Justice Stowers, Justice Walters and Justice Ransom concurring:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Rules 25-102 AND 25-103 of the Rules Governing Judicial Education be and the same are hereby amended;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rules 25-102 and 25-103 of the Rules Governing Judicial Education shall be effective on and after July 1, 1988;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of the court is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the amendment of the Rules Governing Judicial Education by publishing the same in the NMSA 1978.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 13th day of April, 1988.

/s/ TONY SCARBOROUGH  
Chief Justice  
/s/ DAN SOSA, JR.  
Senior Justice  
/s/ HARRY E. STOWERS, JR.  
Justice  
/s/ MARY C. WALTERS  
Justice  
/s/ RICHARD E. RANSOM  
Justice

## **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.]

## **ANNOTATIONS**

**Cross-references.** - For Rules for Minimum Continuing Legal Education, see Rule 18-101 NMRA 1997.

For regulations implementing continuing education requirements for state district and appellate court judges, see Appendix A to rule set 18 NMRA 1997.

## **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.]

## **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.]

### **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.]