MUNICIPAL JUDGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 104480
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Fall New Municipal Lawyer and Non-Lawyer Judge Certification and Orientation
Friday, October 16, 2026

TO: **Lawyer and Non-Lawyer New Municipal Judges**

FROM: **The Honorable Karen Krauser, Chair**

SUBJECT: **Fall Lawyer and Non-Lawyer New Municipal Judge Certification and Orientation Registration**

DATE: **August 3, 2026**

The Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education and the Municipal Judge Education Committee present the Fall New Lawyer and Non-Lawyer Municipal Judge Certification and New Judge Orientation on Friday, October 16, 2026. This training is mandatory for ALL new municipal judges. New non-lawyer judges must attend the certification training prior to the orientation. Only those municipal judges required to attend the New Municipal Judge Orientation as required in Rule 18.05(d), will be allowed to attend these sessions. Attendees must be newly elected or appointed judges, and those who ceased judicial duties for at least 24 months before once again serving as a municipal judge.

The New Municipal Judge Orientation offers 7.0 CLE credits (including Ethics) in compliance with Supreme Court Rules 15 and 18. The orientation topics include ethics, judicial administration, courtroom procedures, legal knowledge, as well as CLE and judicial resources. Additional educational opportunities to fulfill the ethics or professionalism requirements will be made available through the Municipal Judge Education Committee.

The Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education has provided funding for the cost of these programs. For eligible judges who must drive more than 75 miles from their court to the training site, lodging on Thursday night is provided and dinner will be reimbursed in accordance with state travel guidelines. Upon receipt of a completed registration form, eligible participants will receive confirmations along with lodging instructions.

The orientation information and registration form is located on the Missouri Courts website, (www.courts.mo.gov) under Rules & Resources; there is a link to the Municipal Judge Education page. It is also posted on the Court Information Center (CIC) and on the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (MMACJA) web page.

Non-Lawyer Municipal Judge Certification

Conducted on a one-on-one basis prior to the orientation. To schedule, contact J.T. Young at (573) 522-8225 or JT.Young@courts.mo.gov.

New Municipal Judge Certification and Orientation
Registration Form
Friday, October 16, 2026
Jefferson City, MO
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Municipal Judge Education Committee

This one-day in-person orientation is mandatory for all new lawyer and non-lawyer municipal judges who have assumed the bench within the last calendar year.

Registration Instructions:

Please fill out all the requested information on the registration form below. Incomplete forms will cause delays in processing your request.

Return the completed registration form as soon as possible, **but no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2026**, by FAX (573-522-5013), email mjec.mailbox@courts.mo.gov or by mail to: J.T. Young, Office of State Courts Administrator, 2112 Industrial Dr., P.O. Box 104480, Jefferson City, MO 65110.

Name and Bar Number: _____

Work Mailing Address: _____City: _____State:_____

Zip Code:_____ Work Telephone:_____ Cell Phone:_____

Work E-mail Address (iNotes if available):_____

Circuit:_____ County:_____

Name of Municipal Division(s):_____

Choose all that apply:

☐ Appointed ☐ Elected ☐ Full/Part Time ☐ Lawyer ☐ Non-Lawyer*

Sworn in or assumed the bench on (Month/Day/Year)_____

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*Any non-lawyer municipal judge must be certified prior to attending the orientation. This certification will bedone on a case-by-case basis. Please contact J.T. Young by email at JT.Young@courts.mo.gov or by phone (573) 522-8225.

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