

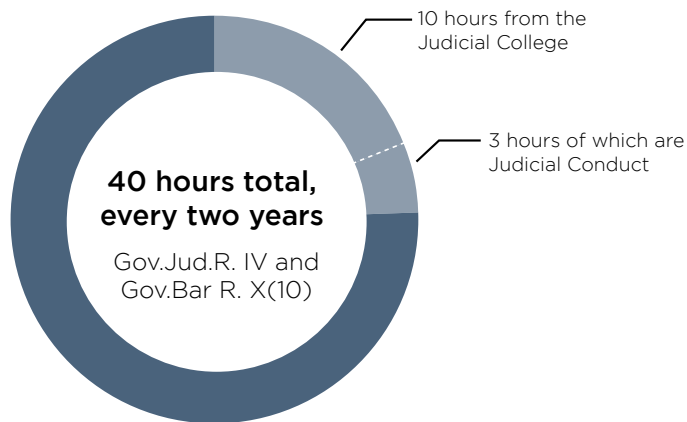
# Education for Judicial Officers

## Judges, Magistrates, and Retired Judges

Newly elected and appointed judges must participate in a four-part Judicial Orientation Program including pre- and post-bench education, mentoring, and a capital cases seminar for specified judges. Sup.R. 49 requires commercial docket judges to complete specialized education. Sup.R. 17 requires retired assigned judges to complete specialized education.

New magistrates must participate in a mandatory Magistrate Orientation Program. “Part I” of this program is a three-day course offered twice in 2020 (March or September); and, “Part II” is the Mentor Program whereby a new magistrate is matched with an experienced magistrate mentor for one year.

Every two years full-time and part-time judges, magistrates, and retired judges eligible for assignment are required to obtain:



## Judicial Candidates

Rule 4.2(4) of the Code of Judicial Conduct requires all judicial candidates, including incumbent judges, to attend a campaign practices seminar.

## Acting Judges

Gov.Bar R. X(11) requires acting judges to obtain 10 hours of continuing education from the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College.

## Self-Study Online Courses

Up to 12 hours of “self-study” are allowed during a biennial compliance period, pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV(5) and Gov.Bar R. X(5). To obtain these online course hours, the Judicial College offers more than 40 general and judicial/professional conduct hours. There is no cost for these courses and judicial officers may take them on their own schedule, computer, and in their own environment.

## Webinars

Webinars allow individuals to participate in live courses at a scheduled hour through their personal or work computers. There is no cost to participate. Typically, judicial officers must participate in the entire length of the webinar to receive credit. Webinars are no longer counted as self-study hours.

For updates and to register for Judicial College courses, visit OhioCourtEDU at [sco.csod.com](http://sco.csod.com). For courses at association events, separate announcements and registration are sent.

