

2024 COURSES

January 2024

2024 New Judges Seminar

The annual New Judges Seminar was held virtually and in-person over eight days in early January 2024. During the seminar, over 100 newly elected and appointed judges attended sessions designed to help them make the transition from practicing attorney to judge. The New Judges Seminars emphasize the teaching of skills unique to judging and include substantive and procedural law sessions geared to each court type.

February 2024

Political Contributions and Limitations in the Unified Court System

This ethics program is intended to provide judges and court employees with a comprehensive understanding of political contributions and limitations contained in the rules of the Chief Judge and the Chief Administrative Judge, as well as opinions of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics. The program will pay special attention to the rules, guidelines and opinions on campaign contributions, as applicable to sitting judges, including those who are candidates within their “window period” for re-election or election to a higher office, and non-judicial employees, including personal appointees, who are subject to specific limitations on campaign contributions.

March 2024

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (MHL 9.60) Training Series: Part III – Anatomy of an AOT Case and Hearing

Part 3 of this series is designed to expose judges to issues they will likely see during the following phases of an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) case: pre-petition, pleadings, hearing, and post-judgment. In addition, the speakers will discuss the roles of local government, the NYS Office of Mental Health, and Mental Hygiene Legal Service in an AOT case.

Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Diverse Youth in Court, Part 1

Part 1 of this five-part series will provide an overview of the issues impacting transgender, nonbinary, and gender diverse (“TNGD”) youth. Among other topics, this program will set the stage for the series, review current data and demographics regarding TNGD youth, and provide a discussion of pressing national legal issues concerning the rights of TNGD youth.

April 2024

Quarterly Review and Discussion of Bail Legislation and Related Issues, Part 1

Part one of this series will provide an overview of the standards set forth in Criminal Procedure Law § 500.10 and applicable case law. Further, a panel of experienced judges will discuss judicial discretion in the context of deciding bail applications. Finally, there will be an opportunity for the program attendees to openly discuss judicial discretion as it relates to deciding whether to fix bail, impose non-monetary conditions, or release individuals on their own recognizance.