



# *Supreme Court of Tennessee*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: TMJC Members**

**FROM: Theresa Grisham, Conference Coordinator**

**DATE:**

**RE: Scholarships Available for 2011 Out of State Travel**



The AOC is currently offering a limited number of scholarships for Municipal Judges to attend out-of-state training. If you would like to attend an out-of-state course, please review the following list, mark the desired course and return by fax or email to my attention.

These opportunities are offered by the National Judicial College and the American Bar Association.

For those chosen to attend, the AOC will cover the tuition for the course, airline and hotel accommodations, and per diem. The money to cover these expenses are from the Municipal Court Education Fund. One dollar from each city citation is placed into this fund and thus used to education Municipal Judges.

You will receive notification of approval followed by a more detailed letter, which will include registration and travel information, closer to the conference date. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-741-2687.

I will be periodically sending out memo reminders throughout the year for TMJC out of state travel.

**Please Fax to 615-741-6285 Attention: Theresa Grisham**

**or E-mail to [theresa.grisham@tncourts.gov](mailto:theresa.grisham@tncourts.gov)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: A judge may only attend approved out-of-state judicial training programs once every three (3) years.**

***Decision Making***  
**July 18-21, 2011**  
**Reno, NV**

Participants will become familiar with factors that affect the decision-making process and assist them in the analysis of their own thinking and style. After attending this course, participants will be able to recognize their own decision-making styles; examine the use of judicial discretion; explore issues of credibility; analyze conflicts of interest and ethical dilemmas; recognize the factors that can cause an appellate court to overturn a decision; and write and communicate decisions more clearly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend this course

***Special Considerations for the Rural Court Judge: A Web-Based Course***  
**March 14 – April 29, 2011**  
**September 26 – November 4, 2011**

**A Web-Based Course** – After this online course, participants will be able to rule accurately on issues of hearsay, foundation, privileges and burden of proof, and make correct determinations concerning both expert witness and lay witness observations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to participate in this online course – March 14 – April 29

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to participate in this online course – September 26 – November 4

***Ethics, Fairness, and Security in Your Courtroom and Community***  
**October 24 – 27, 2011**  
**Reno, NV**

Participants will examine real cases using hypothetical scenarios to distinguish between proper and improper personal conduct in the courtroom and community activities; discuss the importance of different cultures in the community and their impact on the courtroom; reduce bias and prejudice to maintain the integrity of the court process and apply appropriate personal security measures when engaging with the public.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend this course

For those wanting more information regarding these courses you may go to the following websites:

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**Webcast: *Ethics in the Everyday Court: Third in a Series***

**October 26, 2011, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. ET**

**See [www.judges.org](http://www.judges.org) for more details**

Ethical Issues impact members of the judicial profession on a daily basis. Judges and court systems face constant scrutiny and criticism by the public, and judges regularly confront ethical issues in both their professional and personal lives. Providing judges with an up-to-date understanding of the *ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct* gives them tools to assist them in maintaining and raising ethical standards and public perceptions of their courts and the entire court system. This session will focus on the intersection of social media and the courtroom, as well as any contemporary issues that may have been decided by the U.S. Supreme Court or other courts throughout the United States.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the webcast course

***National Conference of Specialized Judges – Traffic Court Seminar***

**American Bar Association -**

**October 2011**

**(date and location to be determined)**

\_\_\_\_ I want to attend this conference

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