

2005 Membership:

Honorable Daniel B. Garber, *Chair*
Honorable James J. Dwyer, III, *Vice Chair*
Honorable Robert E. Simpson, Jr., *Secretary*
Honorable Catherine M. Hummel-Fried, *Treasurer*
Gregory E. Dunlap, Esq.
Jerry J. Russo, Esq.
Jack Treadway, Ph.D.

Staff:

Susan M. Davis, *Judicial Education Administrator*
Kate D. Grenke, *Clerical Assistant*

Legal Authorization:

Pa. Constitution, Article V, §12
42 Pa. C.S., § 31
42 Pa. C.S., § 2131
42 Pa. C.S., § 3118

About the Committee:

Article V, §12 of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that magisterial district judges and judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court either be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or, before taking office, complete a course and pass an examination in the duties of their respective offices. It is the responsibility of the Minor Judiciary Education Board (MJEB) to instruct and certify individuals wishing to become magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges or Philadelphia Bail Commissioners. The board approves the curriculum, appoints and evaluates instructors, establishes course content, reviews all tests and issues certificates to successful program participants.

In addition, the board conducts one-week continuing education classes for magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges, Philadelphia Bail Commissioners and for those individuals who wish to maintain a current certification in one or more of these areas. It also conducts a one-week practicum, or orientation course, for newly elected or appointed magisterial district judges.

The board has seven members, who are appointed by the governor with a two-thirds approval by the Senate.

Minor

Judiciary

Education

Board

770 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111
(717) 558-3600
fax (717) 558-3603

2005 Curriculum

Four-Week Magisterial District Judge Certifying Course

- criminal law and procedure
- civil law and procedure
- Rules of Evidence
- judicial ethics
- motor vehicle law
- arrest/search and seizure
- Pennsylvania Drug/Device and Cosmetics Act
- Pennsylvania crimes code

Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges

Class requirements are 32 hours per year and were offered over 18 scheduled weeks.

- review and update of civil and criminal procedure
- motor vehicle code
- Advanced Communications Technology
- court security
- search and seizure
- Interpreters in the Justice System
- identifying & preventing harassment

Philadelphia Bail Commissioners

- sexual assault
- bail procedures
- criminal law
- search and seizure

Orientation Course for New Magisterial District Judges

- magisterial district judge panel
- magisterial district judge practices
- office administration
- benchbook procedures
- criminal rules and procedures
- courts and the media
- search and seizure

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- court procedures
- Philadelphia Traffic Court Administration
- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code review and update
- ethics computer system

Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2005 can be found in the chart below. **AOPC**

2005 Educational Statistics	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	633
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges	147
Magisterial district judge recertification	83
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	91
Total certified	39
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners	1
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges	2

Table 3.13.1