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# CJA JUDICIAL NEWSLETTER

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**SOUTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATES AND MUNICIPAL JUDGES**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE TRAINING COORDINATOR

I announced to the judges who attended the classes here at the Academy in September that, I was scheduled to attend the National Judicial College. I attended class at NJC from October 7 - 12, 1990. That was the first week of General Jurisdiction: Section II and topics included Media Relations, Evidence, Sentencing, and Criminal Law. As many of you have indicated in the past, it is interesting to meet judges from different states (and countries) and compare information. Sentencing, for example, varied a great deal both in terms of the maximum penalty for a particular crime and how much time would actually be served by the defendant.

For the benefit of the "experienced" judges, I had the pleasure of meeting William H. Ledbetter, who was attending the class. He was a professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law a number of years ago, authored Ledbetter on Magistrates, and taught classes for magistrates here in South Carolina. He is now a circuit court judge in Spotsylvania, Virginia.

The Academy has added another component to our judicial training program. The South Carolina Magistrate's Association has worked along with W. J. "Rick" Johnson, Jr. to form the South Carolina Magistrate's Advisory Committee for Judicial Education. These judges will meet periodically to assist us with planning for future classes. If you have any comments or suggestions, they will welcome your ideas. The members of this committee are:

### JUDGES

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Kenneth Ward           | Horry Co.    |
| Rita Simmons           | Beaufort Co. |
| Walter Jones           | Richland Co. |
| Becky Gerrard          | Oconee Co.   |
| C. Albert Johnson, Jr. | York Co.     |

### MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR ATTORNEYS - LEPR REQUIREMENT

I have applied to the South Carolina Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competence to have the December class approved for credit with respect to the new legal

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ethics/professional responsibility (LEPR) requirement. Since the entire December class will be devoted to the topic of ethics, we are requesting that the program be approved for six hours of credit. This class, however, is for all summary court judges and there is no requirement that you be an attorney in order to

attend. The Honorable Walter T. Jones will address the class and has agreed to answer questions relating to judicial standards. The Code of Judicial Conduct will be discussed and a portion of the class will consist of group discussion, allowing judges to apply the standards to some hypothetical situations.

S.C. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY  
JUDICIAL TRAINING CALENDAR

November 28 or 30:	(W, F)	Criminal Domestic Violence and Orders of Protection
December 11 or 13:	(T, Th)	Ethical Considerations Relating to Judicial Conduct and the Courts
February 21 or 22:	(Th, F)	Update on the Law: A review of selected new laws and 1990 case decisions
March 20 or 22:	(W, F)	Elements of Common Criminal Offenses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CLASSES:

Criminal Domestic Violence and Orders of Protection will consist of a morning session presented by Sistercare that will include information relating to the law and emotional and psychological issues relating to abuse. The afternoon session will be taught by William C. Smith and will further discuss legal issues and the role of the magistrate and municipal court judge when confronted with domestic violence crimes and requests for orders of protection. (Sistercare has received a grant from the Junior League to enable them to present training on this topic for summary court judges.)

Ethical Considerations Relating to Judicial Conduct and the Courts will discuss the Standards of Judicial Conduct as they relate to summary court judges and legal disputes. Part of the class will consist of group discussions, allowing judges to apply the standards to some hypothetical situations.

Update on the Law will present an overview of new laws and case decisions of the South Carolina Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court which have implications for summary court judges.

Elements of Common Criminal Offenses will present information on commonly charged criminal offenses including a discussion of required elements and proof at trial.

**SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY  
JUDICIAL TRAINING  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Information for registrants: All classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Registration forms that are mailed to us should be regarded as accepted and confirmed. When a duplicate class is offered (same material taught on two separate dates), list your preferred date in the space below. To register for a two-day conference format class, list one or both dates below depending on your planned attendance.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAGISTRATE**       **MUNICIPAL JUDGE**       **OTHER**

**Please register me for attendance at the following Voluntary School(s) for Magistrates and Municipal Judges:**

TOPIC	DATE
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**If classroom space is filled on the date you indicated above, are you able to attend on the alternate date?**

**Yes**                       **No**

**You will be notified if you are scheduled for the alternate date.**

**MAIL TO: Judicial Training Division  
S.C. Criminal Justice Academy  
5400 Broad River Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

**NOTE: LUNCH WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE "AT NO CHARGE" FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN JUDICIAL TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY.**