THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE

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Decision Making

April 5 - April 8, 2027
Nashville, TN

Tuition: $1,979
Conf. fee: $549

Decision Making is one of the NJC's bedrock courses, taken by generations of judges from across the country.

Each and every day, judges are called upon to make decisions that affect the lives of the persons coming before them. This course familiarizes you with many of the factors that affect the judicial decision making process and assists you in analyzing your own thinking and style. During the course, the faculty will cover the psychology of decision making, explore how personality type may influence decision making, review ethical considerations that may impact decision making, discuss how appellate courts review decisions, and provide practical suggestions to aid in making decisions from the bench.

Experts review the neuroscience and psychology of decision making and assist each participant in finding and understanding their own decision making style. Sessions wade through ethical delimmas and the toughest decisions judges have to make. The course also tackles dealing with difficult litigants and the use of AI. There is a substantial emphasis on writing orders and opinions that will withstand substanial scrutiny in emotional and high-profile situations.

More info:

judges.org/courses/decision-making-js-618-2/

Objectives:

- Identify your own decision making style.
- Explore issues of fairness and equity.
- Examine the use of judicial discretion.
- Analyze conflicts of interest and ethical dilemmas.
- Recognize the factors that can cause an appellate court to overturn a decision.
- Write and communicate decisions more clearly.

"This has, by far, been the most rewarding professional experience I have had. The course brought new information while at the same time causing me to dig deeper into my own psyche to renew and refresh my knowledge as well as my decision-making process."

- 2026 Participant

Established in 1963, the NJC is a nonprofit organization and the only educational institution in the U.S. that teaches judges of all types from across the 50 states, Indian Country and abroad.

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