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Enhancing Judicial Bench Skills (JS 624)

April 24 – 27, 2017 | [Location Napa, CA](#) | [Tuition \\$1,349](#) | [Conference Fee \\$499](#) [What's this?](#)

Do you need a fresh look at your role on the bench? From civility to contempt, this course will help you develop the skills you need to oversee your courtroom effectively. After taking this course, you will be able to demonstrate effective communication behaviors on the bench, more effectively make and protect the record, deal with difficult people in the courtroom, apply contempt powers from the bench with confidence and restraint, and more.

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Why should I take this course?

A practical course for new judges and for judges who want a fresh look at their role on the bench, this course provides an opportunity to learn and practice the skills that you need to oversee your courtroom more effectively.

What will I learn?

During this course, you will learn to:

the Country

These courses are held at locations close to America's cultural and natural treasures and are sure to attract participants from across the nation.

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- ☐ Demonstrate effective communication behaviors on the bench.
- ☐ Create solutions for problems that commonly arise with self-represented litigants.
- ☐ Encourage and promote civility in the courtroom.
- ☐ Handle trial disruptions with confidence.
- ☐ Learn and apply innovative jury management techniques.
- ☐ Identify techniques to minimize the impact of implicit bias.
- ☐ Recognize the judge's role in making and protecting the record.
- ☐ Describe the effect of stress on judicial performance.
- ☐ Discuss viable court security options.



Master's and Ph.D.

This course qualifies for credits toward the Judicial Studies degree programs.

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Who should attend?

General jurisdiction, special court, and tribal judges who hear criminal or civil cases will benefit from this course.

Who are the members of the faculty?

The faculty for this course are highly experienced judges and experts in the fields of communication and decision-making.

How is this course taught?

The faculty uses a combination of lecture, question and answer, debates and class problems. You will be expected to participate in active discussions of current issues and to offer insights and experiences in dealing with such matters. Time is also set aside for small group discussions.

What should I tell my presiding judge or funding agency so that my attendance will be approved?

All judges can benefit from learning to be more efficient and by thinking "outside of the box." They will have the opportunity to learn not only from the expert faculty but also from colleagues from around the country. Judges often rely on local legal culture to define how they conduct their courtrooms and trials. Examining the culture is important for ensuring growth and progress.

Whom should I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact the Registrar's Office at (800) 255-8343 or registrar@judges.org.

