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The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center is the primary provider of specialized judicial education and training opportunities for Texas municipal judges. The staff of TMCEC is steadfastly committed to providing education and training so that municipal judges may administer justice with fairness, efficiency and a thorough understanding of the law.

According to the Rules of Judicial Education, all municipal judges (both attorney and non-attorney) must attend one accredited judicial education program every year. Newly appointed or elected attorney judges must attend a 12-hour seminar within one year from appointment or election and once every academic year thereafter. To qualify as an attorney judge, you must be licensed by the State Bar of Texas. Newly appointed or elected non-attorney judges must, within one year from the date of appointment or election, complete 32 hours of continuing judicial education before attending a 12 hour seminar the next year and once every school year thereafter.

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32-Hour New Judge Seminar \$100 AUSTIN

New non-attorney judges must attend 32 hours of judicial training within one year of their appointment or election according to the Rules of Judicial Education. Admission is limited to new, non-attorney judges. Non-lawyer municipal judges who have been inactive for more than two consecutive academic years are required to repeat the 32-hour program. Participants must be appointed or elected to office prior to registration.

The program offers classes on basic court procedures, judicial ethics, juvenile law, magistration, traffic law, a trial skills workshop, and much more. This program gives new judges an excellent foundation of knowledge to build upon and a thorough understanding of the laws affecting their courts. Register now.

December 8-12, 2008 Crowne Plaza Austin	July 13-17, 2009 Crowne Plaza Austin
Register by: November 7, 2008	Register by: June 12, 2009

Note: New judges seminars are five days in length and begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday and conclude at 12:00 noon on Friday. TMCEC will pay for sleeping rooms for the nights of Monday through Thursday.

12-Hour Judge's Seminar \$50 REGIONAL

For all attorney judges and non-attorney judges who have previously completed the 32-hour seminar, the 12-hour regional judges seminar is designed to address a broad range of issues applicable to courts of all sizes. The regional programs feature breakout sessions addressing issues such as specialized evidentiary issues, procedural law topics, and substantive law issues relevant to the courts. An optional pre-conference, Court Technology, will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the daybefore each of the 12-hour regional conferences. This allows for participants' registration fees and travel to be paid for by local security funds. Register now. See this year's agenda.

Oct. 6-8, 2008 Holiday Inn Select Tyler	Jan. 7-9, 2009 Omni Colonnade San Antonio	Feb. 22-24, 2009 San Luis Resort Galveston	Apr. 1-3, 2009 Ambassador Hotel Amarillo	May 5-7, 2009 Isla Grand Beach Resort South Padre Is.
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