IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 93 - 0104

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION

ORDERED:

I.

Effective-for the 1992-1993 reporting year and thereafter, Rule 3 of the Rules of Judicial Education is amended to read as follows:

RULE 3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

- a. Each justice of the peace will, as an official duty:
 - (1) complete within one year after taking office, a 40 hour course of instruction in the performance of the duties of office, and
 - (2) each fiscal year thereafter, complete a 20 hour course of instruction in the performance of the duties of office.
- b. [(3)] A person who serves in the dual capacity as a justice of the peace and as a municipal judge may receive credit for each office toward fulfillment of the requirements of the rules of judicial education by attending a course of instruction for either office, provided that the course is pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of each office. The determination of the applicability of the course to each or either office shall be made by the judicial education committee having jurisdiction over each office [is required to comply with the continuing legal education requirements for each office separately].
- <u>c.</u> [b.] Only courses of instruction completed through a continuing education program approved by the Justice Court Education Committee can be utilized to satisfy the requirements of Rule 3.a.

Effective the 1992-1993 reporting year and thereafter, Rule 4 of the Rules of Judicial Education is amended to read as follows:

RULE 4. MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES.

- a. Each municipal court judge will, as an official duty:
 - (1) complete within one year after taking office, a minimum of 12 hours of instruction if a licensed attorney, or a minimum of 32 hours of instruction if not a licensed attorney, in the performance of the duties of office, and
 - (2) each fiscal year thereafter complete a minimum of 12 hours of instruction in the performance of the duties of office.
- <u>b.</u> [(3)] A person who serves in the dual capacity as a municipal judge and as a justice of the peace <u>may receive credit for each office toward fulfillment of the requirements of the rules of judicial education by attending a course of instruction for either office, provided that the course is pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of each office. The determination of the applicability of the course to each or either office shall be made by the judicial education committee having jurisdiction over each office [is required to comply with the continuing education requirements for each office separately].</u>
- <u>c.</u> [b.] Only courses of instruction completed through a continuing education program approved by the Municipal Courts Education Committee can be utilized to satisfy the requirements of Rule 4.a.
- d. [e.] Instruction credit completed during any reporting period year in excess of the minimum number of hours required may be applied to the following year's requirement. This carry-over provision applies to one year only.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 25 day of ________, 1993

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