

Alternative Judicial Education

Experienced municipal judges who have completed two years of TMCEC courses may opt to fulfill the 16-hour mandatory judicial education requirements for 2026-2027 by attending an approved course offered by an approved continuing education provider. The accredited providers are:

- American Judges Association
- ABA Traffic Seminar
- Center for American and International Law
- Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas
- Harvard Law School
- Houston Municipal Court
- Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Center for State Courts
- National College of District Attorneys
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- National Judicial College
- Office of Court Administration
- SBOT Municipal Judges Section
- SBOT Professional Development Programs
- Texas Association of Counties
- Texas Center for the Judiciary
- Texas Court Clerks Association
- Texas Council on Family Violence
- Texas Defense Lawyers Project
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Dispute Resolution System
- Texas District and County Attorneys Association
- Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- Texas Justice Court Judges Association
- Texas Justice Courts Training Center
- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Texas Municipal Courts Association
- Texas Municipal League
- U.S. Army, Judge Advocate School

Texas law schools and bar associations are also approved. The course must be approved, relate to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts, and be at least eight (8) hours. Any remaining hours may be completed by viewing TMCEC's on-line webinars. Judges may opt out only every other year. Judges are asked to complete an Intent to Opt Out form, if desired, prior to **April 30, 2027**. If you have questions please contact judicial@tmcec.com.

INTENT TO OPT OUT FORM

Judges seeking to opt out must complete this application form before they have attended an approved alternative course to ensure that the course meets the requirements. Once reviewed by the TMCEC Executive Director or General Counsel & Director of Education, a letter of approval will be sent to the judge. Upon completion of the approved course, the judge must send an affirmation of completion or certificate documenting attendance.

Full Name: _____

Appointment Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Court Address: _____

_____ Email Address: _____

Provider _____ Name of Program _____

Date of Program _____ # of Hours _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Return form to:
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