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Activity 2020-2021

New Magistrate Certification: New magistrate certification has been held remotely. No in-person seminar has been held for new magistrates since 2019.

The first phase of certification—the traditional self-instructional phase—remains unchanged: The Manual (which will be updated with the new citations by 10/1).

The second phase of the training process has traditionally been participation in the New Magistrate seminar. However, at this time, all training is being held virtually. MJI worked with the same subject-matter experts who have presented at the seminar to develop a series of recorded traffic related modules. These modules duplicate the traffic safety portions of the live seminar. Completion of these modules will fulfill the second phase of the certification requirement

28 New Magistrates participated in the certification process this year.

We hope to return to in-person seminar in 2021.

Website: MJI continues to maintain the [Michigan Judicial Institute - Home](#) website. It will be merged into the MSC website at some point in the future

Magistrate Specialty Webinar: Held July 22 via Zoom. Over 100 magistrates participated in this one-day event. The presentations and material from that webinar are available at [2021 Magistrate Specialty Webinar - EasyBlog \(mi.gov\)](#)

Magistrate Instructors: Magistrate instructors volunteer to have new magistrates visit with them for a day to sit in on informal hearings. The certification process would not be complete without those of you who volunteer to act as instructors. Commitment is zero to several visitations per year.

MJI is always in need of experienced magistrates to act as instructors for the one-day visitation. During this visitation, an experienced magistrate meets with the new magistrate to review the process for conducting civil infraction hearings in traffic matters and demonstrates conduct of hearings. It is a commitment of zero to several days per year.

If you are an experienced magistrate interested in acting as a magistrate instructor, please let me know.

Publications:

Benchbooks: All MJJ publications are now updated monthly. [MJJ - Publications \(mi.gov\)](#)

I encourage you to review any benchbooks of interest, as well as the Manual for District Court Magistrates. All publications are available in HTML or PDF formats

Quick Reference Materials: Under the Publications tab as well, includes a section on traffic/recreational vehicles. QRM's of interest to Magistrates. MJJ is pleased to offer quick reference materials such as checklists, tables, and flowcharts on a variety of topics in the following areas: [civil](#), [contempt](#), [criminal](#), [family](#), [probate](#), and [traffic/recreational vehicles](#). [MJJ - Quick Reference Materials \(mi.gov\)](#)

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Upcoming MJJ Magistrate-related activities

-New Magistrate seminar: Date TBD

-Magistrate Specialty Seminar: TBD- July, 2022

-MJJ Manual for District Court Magistrates: Will be updated by 9/30/21

Input

I want to hear from you. If you are interested in becoming a *Magistrate Instructor* or have ideas for MJJ magistrate training, please contact me at stathakisp@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-7607