



# 2003

## CUTTING-EDGE TRAFFIC SAFETY COURSES AT THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE



**To register for any of the Traffic Safety courses listed here, or to discuss having a course scheduled in your jurisdiction, please contact The National Judicial College at 775-784-6747 or 800-25-JUDGE.**

The National Judicial College invites the nation's traffic court judges, magistrates and hearing officers who currently handle motor vehicle related cases to attend cutting-edge traffic safety courses at The National Judicial College in 2003. The National Judicial College is located in Reno, Nevada and is the premier judicial education institution in the nation.

At The National Judicial College, judges benefit from the interactive, problem-solving educational experience rarely found in single state-based judicial education and training programs. The state programs, while unquestionably worthwhile and productive, cannot provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas among judges from diverse jurisdictions.

### Traffic Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**When:** May 5-9, 2003

**Where:** Reno, Nevada

**Cost:** \$795 (early registration)\*  
\$895 (late registration)

\*Early registration is considered registration 60 days prior to the course start date.

This course provides an overview of legal and evidentiary issues related to plea taking, searches, seizures, arrests and confessions. The course also provides information on the role of the traffic court judge in the community; ethical judicial outreach and bridge building; new approaches to aggressive driving offenses; techniques in dealing with the aging driving population; racial profiling issues; pretextual traffic stops, and new challenges in commercial motor vehicle cases. Participants will analyze and discuss current and emerging issues in blood alcohol pharmacology and sobriety testing; scientific evidence in motor vehicle cases; effective sentences, sanctions and dispositions; and addictive behavior. Pedestrian, motorcycle and bicyclist safety issues are examined, and discussion groups combine with an interactive mock trial to provide proactive study. In addition, participants are encouraged to develop ideas for implementing successful partnerships with national, state, and community-based traffic safety entities.

### Sentencing Motor Vehicle Law Offenders

**When:** August 25-27, 2003

**Where:** Reno, Nevada

**Cost:** \$675 (early registration)  
\$77 5 (late registration)

This course focuses on the objectives and philosophies of sentencing, such as basic due process law, and rehabilitation, restitution, retribution and deterrence. The history of probation is evaluated, as are innovative probation conditions such as mandated evaluation, treatment, community service, and the use of bumper stickers and zebra license tags. Participants analyze the right to counsel, double jeopardy, the use of prior convictions for enhancement and judicial liability and immunity. The course also provides information on the appropriateness of sentencing options for older drivers, young drivers, and addicted drivers. Communication styles, personality types and methods of dealing with the media in high-profile cases are explored and evaluated.

### DUI Primer for New Judges: Impaired Driving Case Fundamentals

**When:** November 3-4, 2003

**Where:** Reno, Nevada

**Cost:** \$450 (early registration)  
\$550 (late registration)

Participants in this course are new traffic court judges who handle impaired driving cases. Of all types of criminal cases, impaired driving cases are among the most complicated in terms of the legal and evidentiary issues that they present to judges. The course addresses substantive Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment questions; search, seizure and arrest issues; and methods of dealing with drug and alcohol addicted defendants. Case management techniques are examined, and participants are introduced to the use of mass arraignment techniques, written plea forms, bar coding, pre-printed probation and disposition forms; and areas of congestion and sources of delay are identified. Participants evaluate the results of field sobriety tests and motions directed to exclude them, the application of the Miranda doctrine to traffic stops, and the distinction between custodial and non-custodial interrogation. Also discussed are some of the scientific principles that serve as foundations for the admissibility of evidence in impaired driving cases, such as: horizontal gaze nystagmus, retrograde extrapolation, Widmark's formula, blood/breath partition rates and infrared spectrometry. In a sentencing workshop, participants review sentencing parameters and options, including fines, incarceration, license revocation and probation conditions such as evaluation, treatment, abstinence and restitution.

### OTHER COURSES AVAILABLE

The National Judicial College has also developed **Traffic Safety Faculty Development Workshops** to train judges on presentation skills, adult learning theory and the use of cutting-edge technology. Upon request, The National Judicial College will work with state entities, judicial education offices and others to make these courses available in specific jurisdictions. Additionally, in 2002, The National Judicial College was awarded the National Commission Against Drunk Driving Adjudication Award for its **award-winning Courage To Live program**. The Courage To Live program is a judicial outreach program to combat underage drinking and driving. The National Judicial College is also available to provide **Courage To Live Faculty Development Training Workshops** for judges on how to replicate this award-winning program in their jurisdictions.