

Mandatory Annual Arbitrator Educational Programs

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Administrative Director

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's determination at its March 1995 Administrative Conference, effective immediately, every county should have mandatory annual educational programs for the civil arbitration programs. These programs should take the form of annually assembling the Civil Presiding Judge, Civil Division Manager, Arbitration Administrator, arbitration staff and all of the county's arbitrators.

During these programs, local problems, issues and policies should be discussed and appropriate training should be provided. Such programs are essential even in those counties having long-standing, seasoned arbitrators.

This policy will become effective **immediately**. Therefore, all counties will be asked to hold such a program at least once between the period July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995 and then every year thereafter. Counties that have already held such programs in this court year, *i.e.*, since July 1, 1994, have already satisfied their annual requirement.

Also, every county should send a brief report concerning the details of the program each year to the AOC by July 1. Completed reports should be sent to the AOC's Civil Practice Division at the following address:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Civil Practice Division
CN - 981
Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 292-8470
(609) 777-0844 (FAX)

This directive is based upon the recommendation of the Supreme Court Arbitration Advisory Committee which has found that mandatory annual educational programs are essential to continued success of the civil arbitration programs.

EDITOR-S NOTE

The only change to the text has been the removal of a name in the mailing address of the Administrative Office of the Courts; however, in 1997, its was changed from ACN@ to AP.O. Box.®