

Judges: Attendance at Bar Association and Judges: Association Meetings and Meetings of National Committees or Councils: Use of Vacation Time; Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred by Justices, Judges and Certain Administrative Personnel

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The Supreme Court re-affirmed the Judiciary's policy with respect to judges' attendance at bar association meetings, judges' association meetings, and meetings of national committees or councils as well as the Judiciary's policy respecting judges' use of vacation time, and the reimbursement of expenses incurred by justices, judges and certain administrative personnel in connection with their attendance at such meetings. This Directive memorializes the existing policy on these matters.

Associations of Lawyers

Because of the time involved and the costs, judges who attend bar association meetings in New Jersey or out-of-state must use vacation time and pay their own way, except as set forth below:

- judges are encouraged to attend local bar meetings. There is no prohibition against the bar providing the meal for the judges;
- judges may attend the Friday sessions of the NJSBA annual meeting without charge to vacation time;
- consistent with Guideline IIIA of the Guidelines for Extrajudicial Activities (Guidelines), by which judges are encouraged to speak, etc. on topics related to the law, a judge who participates as a speaker, panel member, or otherwise in a program at an NJSBA meeting, or meeting of any bar association of which a judge may become a member under the Guidelines, may do so without charge to vacation time and may accept reimbursement of expenses from that association.

Justices of the Supreme Court, the Administrative Director of the Courts, Counsel to the Administrative Director, Judiciary personnel involved with attorney discipline, District Fee Arbitration Committees, the Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics, the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and the Random Audit Program may accept no payment on account of any expense incurred in connection with attending any program, convention, or other function of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Associations of Judges

Judges who attend meetings of national judges' associations must use vacation time and pay their own way, except as follows:

- if the Chief Justice has designated the judge to represent the Judiciary at the meeting, the time is not charged to vacation, and the State will reimburse the judge for expenses incurred;
- judges who are office holders of national associations, councils, or other organizations of judges are deemed to be representatives designated by the Chief Justice; the State will reimburse travel expenses if the travel is approved in advance by the Chief Justice.

National Committees or Councils

Judges who attend meetings of national committees or councils of which they are members must use vacation time and pay their own way, unless the attendance and travel reimbursement have been approved in advance by the Chief Justice.

The amount of reimbursement is set forth in Directive #4-91 dated June 20, 1991, which is included in this compilation.

EDITOR-S NOTE

The only change to the original text is the addition of the cite to Directive 4-91.