



## Manuals

The Municipal Judge Manual Committee and the Municipal Court Clerk Advisory Committee will be meeting in January to update their respective manuals. At the clerk's seminar, there were several suggestions made for additional inclusions in the Clerks Manual that will be considered at the meeting. If you would like something included in either manual, please let the office know by January so that it can be discussed at the either or both of the meetings.

Members of the Municipal Judge Manual Committee are:

Charles Blumenfield, Vill. of Bayside  
Shelley Gaylord, City of Madison  
James Gramling, City of Milwaukee  
John Kerski, City of Marinette  
John Neuenschwander, City of Kenosha  
Edward Thompson, Town of Delavan  
Ronald Wambach, City of Franklin  
Ronald Ziwick, City of Watertown and  
Dane County Ct. Comm'r Todd Meurer

The Municipal Court Clerk Advisory Committee is composed of:

Liz McCredie, Village of Deerfield  
Sue Orr-Heller, Vill. of Shorewood Hills  
Christine Pecard, City of Marinette  
Kim Proulx-Schaefer, City of Waukesha

## New Laws/Cases

The Municipal Judges Association voted to ask the Judicial Conference to amend the bond schedule and include a uniform \$100 deposit (plus costs and assessments) for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> offense OAR/OAS. Louis Butler, President of the Municipal Judges Association, attended the Conference and made the recommendation at the business meeting. It was adopted.

## Credit Year Change

Through a petition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Municipal Judge Education Committee has changed the "year" in which education credits must be earned.

Therefore, in 1999, Judges will have 16 months in which to earn their 1999-2000 credits -- January 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000. A sixteen-month calendar will be distributed at the end of the year. It will be on the website very shortly.

Beginning **May 1, 2000**, credits will be given on a May 1 to May 1 basis. In addition, the Judicial Education fee will be for a May 1 to May 1 year, and in order to catch up, billing in 1999 will be for one year and 4 months.

We hope that by giving you over a year's notice of these changes, the impact will be minimal. We will keep reminding you of the changes, and as soon as we know how much the fee will be for January 2000 to May 2001 we will let you know.

## 1999-2000 Seminar Schedule

Trial, March 25 & 26, Oshkosh  
Orientation/Institute, May 5 - 7  
Heidel House, Green Lake  
Special Topic, July 15 & 16, Neenah  
Clerk, Sept. 15-17, Fond du Lac  
Traffic, Oct. 14 & 15, Lake Geneva  
Special Topic, March 23&24, 2000  
Heidel House, Green Lake

## Potential Seminar

In addition to the questionnaire being sent along with this Newsletter, a request for a response indicating your interest in a proposed seminar is enclosed.

The Joint Municipal Judge Education Committee met last week to do some long range planning and begin specific planning for the 1999 seminars. The Committee discussed the possibility of putting on a "Law and Humanities" seminar during 1999. This seminar would be IN ADDITION to the four regular Municipal Judge seminars and would be a two day seminar at which attendees would earn 4 Municipal Judge credits. This type of seminar has been offered to Circuit Judges for several years, and some of the topics have been: The Reconstruction Amendments, The Four Founding Fathers, The Constitutional, Political and Social History of the American Revolution from 1768 to 1800 and The Origins of the Independent Judiciary.

The seminar would involve some pre-seminar reading and study and have a limited enrollment of approximately 25, to permit maximum participation by the attendees.

In considering such an enrichment seminar as an offering to Municipal Judges, the Committee recognized that it would not be of interest to everyone, but might address the concerns of some judges who feel that our present offerings are too "nuts and bolts" oriented.

If there is enough interest, we will hold this seminar sometime in the latter half of 1999. Therefore, if you think you might like to attend a "Law and Humanities" seminar, please sign the enclosed sheet and return it to the Office by the end of 1998.