

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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No. 17-02

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**In the matter of the petition to amend  
SCR 33.04 regarding judicial education  
for municipal judges**

**FILED**

**JUN 27, 2017**

Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On March 7, 2017, the Office of Judicial Education by Todd E. Meurer, Municipal Court Education Manager, filed this rule petition asking the court to make two changes to Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 33.04: (1) to make the judicial education schedule for municipal judges consistent with the calendar year, and (2) to add the word "or appointed" to the rule to ensure that newly appointed municipal judges commence their judicial education during their first year in office, rather than their second year, which is permitted under the current wording of the rule.

The court discussed the petition at open rules conference on April 20, 2017 and voted to solicit written comments on the petition. Letters were sent to the interested persons on April 21, 2017. The court received one response, from the Wisconsin Association of Municipal Judges, supporting the petition.

The court further discussed the petition at open rules conference on June 21, 2017. The court opted not to conduct a public hearing and, after discussion, the court voted unanimously to adopt the petition. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

**SECTION 1.** Supreme Court Rule 33.04(1) is amended to read:

(1) Each newly-elected or appointed municipal judge shall attend the earliest municipal judge orientation institute offered following his or her election or appointment, unless a period of extension is granted by the committee upon prior application by the municipal judge.

**SECTION 2.** Supreme Court Rule 33.04(2) is amended to read:

(2) Each municipal judge shall earn at least 4 credits in each ~~365-day period after commencement of the term for which elected or appointed~~ calendar year at a municipal judge orientation institute, review institute or graduate institute developed by the judicial education office. A municipal judge who holds office for less than 5 months during any calendar year is exempt from this subsection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the effective date of this order is January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the above amendments be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official publications designated in SCR 80.01, including the official publishers' online databases, and on the Wisconsin court system's web site. The State Bar of Wisconsin shall provide notice of this order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of June, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Supreme Court

