



# Proposed 2026–2028 Education Plan

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# Continue to Provide High-Quality Education

- Courts receive accurate resources and tools
- Court users and public receive excellent service

# Sample Topics

- Environmental law
- Domestic violence
- New judge education

# Flexibility in Learning Approaches and Topics

- Distance education products meet current needs
- Products respond to:
  - Emerging legal issues
  - Legislative trends

# Developed by Subject Matter Experts

- Judicial officers and court leaders:
  - Determine audience needs
  - Design curriculum to meet assessed needs

# Delivery Method Tailored to Audience

- Adult education theories applied
- Cost-benefit analysis conducted
- Accessibility maximized

# Education Design Principles Utilized

- Interactive education emphasized across delivery methods
- Products designed to meet audience needs

# Collaboration Enhances Education

- Input from other advisory bodies considered
- Focus on branchwide needs enhanced

# Education Plan Implementation

- Overseen by CJER Advisory Committee
- Accountable to Judicial Council:
  - Meet educational needs effectively
  - Manage delivery costs

# Recommendation

- Thank you for valuing and prioritizing education
- Recommendation: approve draft 2026–2028 Education Plan



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