

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC02-35

IN RE: FLORIDA JUDICIAL COLLEGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER


The Florida Court Education Council has developed a series of educational programs to assist in preparing every new trial judge for judicial service. These programs operate under the auspices of the Florida Judicial College and include a trial skills workshop and an orientation (Phase One), as well as the regular judicial college curriculum (Phase Two), in addition to a mentor program. The trial skills workshop and orientation are scheduled in Tallahassee on January 5-10, 2003.

To ensure all new trial judges have the essential information and skills to fulfill their judicial duties, each judge elected in the 2002 elections cycle or appointed to the bench on or after July 1, 2002, is hereby required to participate in the Phase One program in January. Those judges assuming the bench after the Florida Judicial College, Phase One, in January 2002, but before July 1, 2002, are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the January 2003 Phase One program. All judges elected in the 2002 elections cycle or appointed to the bench since the Phase Two program

in March 2002 are required to participate in the 2003 Florida Judicial College, Phase Two, which will be held in Tallahassee on March 9-14, 2003.

All new trial judges should be assigned a mentor judge within forty-eight hours of appointment or election. The Supreme Court takes the mentoring component of the Florida Judicial College very seriously, and wants the judiciary as a whole to recognize that it is an integral, mandatory part of the Florida Judicial College experience.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on October 21, 2002.



Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead

ATTEST:



Thomas D. Hall, Clerk

