

Alternative Judicial Education

Experienced municipal judges who have completed two years of TMCEC courses may opt to fulfill the 16-hour mandatory judicial education requirements for 2017-2018 by attending a course offered by an approved continuing education provider. The accredited providers are:

- The American Judges Association
- ABA Traffic Seminar
- Center for American and International Law
- Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas
- Harvard Law School
- Houston Municipal Court
- Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Center for State Courts
- National College of District Attorneys
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- The National Judicial College
- Office of Court Administration
- State Bar of Texas Professional Development Programs
- State Bar of Texas Municipal Judges Section
- Texas Association of Counties
- Texas Center for the Judiciary
- Texas Court Clerks Association
- Texas Council on Family Violence
- Texas Defense Lawyers Project
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Dispute Resolution System
- Texas District and County Attorneys Association
- The Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- Texas Justice Court Judges Association
- Texas Justice Courts Training Center
- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Texas Municipal Courts Association
- Texas Municipal League
- U.S. Army, Judge Advocate School

Texas law schools and bar associations are also approved. Please contact TMCEC for the most up-to-date list of approved alternative providers. The course must relate to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts and be at least eight in-person continuous hours. The other eight hours should be obtained in-person or online. Judges may opt out only every other year. Judges are asked to complete an Intent to Opt Out form prior to April 30, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Mark Goodner at TMCEC (800.252.3718 or Goodner@tmcec.com).

INTENT TO OPT OUT FORM

To be completed before you have attended an approved alternative course. This is to ensure that the course meets the requirements. Once reviewed by the TMCEC Executive Director, a letter of approval will be sent to the judge. Upon completion of the approved course, the judge must send an affidavit or certificate documenting attendance.

Full Name: _____

Appointment Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Court Address:

Email Address: _____

Sponsor

Name of Program

Date of Program

of Hours

Date

Signature

Return form to the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center by April 30, 2018

**Return form to:
TMCEC • 2210 Hancock Drive • Austin, TX 78756 •
or send by Fax 512.435.6118**