



Information for CLE Providers who offer Juvenile Justice Training

New Juvenile Court Procedural Rules 182 and 1182 will go into effect on August 1, 2017. These rules were prompted by the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice (ICJ) and establish specialized educational requirements for masters who preside over juvenile cases. The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee encourages judicial districts to provide education and training for masters.

As a provider of CLE in Pennsylvania, your organization can play an integral role in this important initiative by offering programs that focus on juvenile delinquency and dependency law. The new rules call for attorneys to complete six (6) CLE credits of approved juvenile justice training every two years in order to remain qualified to serve as a master. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the CLE Board appreciates your assistance in making these courses available.

Course Notification - Classification System

The PACLE Board utilizes a coding system so that CLE programs may be categorized into different practice areas and subcategories of specific topics. When a course is reported to the CLE Board, the code is loaded into PACLE's database along with other pertinent course information. When lawyers visit PACLE's website, they can use these codes to search for training relevant to their interest. (For example, programs focusing on subjects of: Estate Planning, Preparation or Probate of Wills, or Trusts are grouped into the code TWE for Trusts, Wills & Estates.) A new code (JUV) has been introduced for the processing of courses which contribute to the educational requirements of the new rules for juvenile case masters.

When reporting juvenile justice CLE courses, the new JUV code should be used to identify and categorize the training.

JUV subject matter programming includes the following topics and subcategories:

- The Juvenile Act • PA Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure
- Penal Laws of PA • Child Protective Services Law
- Evidence Rules and Methodology • Child and Adolescent Development
- Collateral Consequences of an Adjudication of Delinquency

Reporting Methodology/ Technical Considerations

The filing of juvenile justice CLE programs is yet another situation in which PACLE's electronic reporting system demonstrates its value. With only minor changes, PACLE's Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP) was modified with the ability to file courses with new JUV coding. When filing a program that addresses the above categories, the new JUV code should be selected on the Course Information page. This will allow for the easy identification and tracking of credits earned for the educational requirement of the new rules. For more information on reporting CLE courses, please access ASAP at www.asapnexus.org

Additional information can be found on www.pacourts.us

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