

Note: Please check back here soon for a list of the circuit judges who attended the orientation.



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New circuit judges participate in orientation Feb. 26 in Frankfort

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 27, 2019 – Kentucky’s newest Circuit Court judges participated in sessions on Kentucky Rules of Evidence, trial management, pretrial release, judicial ethics and more at an orientation Feb. 26 in Frankfort.

The Kentucky Circuit Judges Education Committee and the Administrative Office of the Courts provided the orientation for the seven newly elected circuit judges from the November 2018 election cycle and for circuit judges who took the bench in the past few years who had not attended an orientation program.

“I applaud these judges for making the commitment to serve justice at the highest level of Kentucky’s trial courts,” Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said.

Other topics the orientation covered included running a courtroom, managing dockets and writing legal opinions, a session that was presented by recently retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. Venters.

“The orientation was an excellent introduction for the new judges to the Circuit Court bench and their colleagues,” said Clark/Madison County Circuit Court Judge Jean C. Logue, who is president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association.

The new judges will be mentored by an experienced judge from a similar jurisdiction through the “Transitions: Lawyer-to-Judge Mentoring Program.” The program was created by the Kentucky Circuit and District Judges associations so that mentor judges can share their best practices and tips for success.

Meanwhile, the judges had the opportunity to participate in an AOC Resource Fair on Nov. 30 in Frankfort to prepare for their new role. The AOC, which provides administrative support to justices, judges and circuit court clerks, assisted the judges with personnel paperwork, computer equipment and stationery, and provided information on record keeping, resource materials and court programs.

Circuit Court

Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction that hears civil matters involving more than \$5,000, capital offenses and felonies, divorces, adoptions, termination of parental rights, land dispute title cases and contested probate cases.

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