

Rules of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Chapter 7 Training

7.1 General Provisions.

- (a) Training programs conducted or sponsored by the Council are for the purpose of improving the skills and professionalism of the prosecuting attorneys' offices of this state.
- (b) Unless otherwise stated in the course announcement, training programs conducted or sponsored by the Council shall be open to all employees of the District Attorneys, Solicitors-General and the Attorney General of this State, United States Attorneys and other federal prosecutors, prosecuting attorneys of municipal courts, and attorneys employed by law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement officers may attend Council conducted courses on a space available basis.
- (c) Retired prosecuting attorneys may attend Council conducted training on a space available basis at their own expense.
- (d) Law students serving as interns with a prosecuting attorneys office may attend Council conducted training as students on a space available basis at their own expense.
- (e) The Training Division may, with the approval of the Training Committee, limit attendance at any course conducted or sponsored by the Council based on available space, individual experience, budget limitations or subject matter jurisdiction of the attendees. Any restriction on attendance will be included in the course announcement.
- (f) Any attorney, other than those described in subsections (b), (c) or (d) of this Section, a speaker or an instructor, attending a training program conducted by the Council shall be charged a registration fee comparable to those charged by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education

7.2 Attorney Training

- (a) [Reserved]
- (b) If an attorney employed by a District Attorneys, Solicitor-General or other prosecuting attorney is a member of the Bar of another State in addition to Georgia, the Council will provide certification of attendance at Council conducted courses if the attorney submits the appropriate forms submitted to the Training Division.

7.3 New District Attorney & Solicitor-General Course. [TBP]

7.4 Prosecution Orientation Course. [TBP]

7.5 Special Drug Prosecutor Training

- (a) Initial Training.
 - (1) Any person who is employed as a special drug prosecutor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-18-14(b)(2) shall complete drug prosecution training each year following the year in which their

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initial training requirement is met.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-19; 15-18-45(b). Original Rule ratified Dec. 10, 1999, effective July 1, 2000, amended Rule ratified June 4, 2003, effective June 4, 2003.

- (2) Any assistant district attorney may apply to the Training Division to attend the initial training course on a space available basis. Any such assistant district attorney who successfully completes the initial training program who is appointed as a special drug prosecutor within 12 months of attending the initial training program shall be deemed to have met the initial training requirements.

(b) In-service training.

- (1) Any person designated a special drug prosecutor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-18-14(b)(2) shall complete not less than 8 hours of drug prosecution training each year following the year in which their initial training requirement is met.
- (2) A person may meet the in-service training requirement by attending a drug prosecution course which is conducted or approved by the Training Division.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-19; 15-18-45(b). Effective date: September 1, 2000 (History: Original Rules adopted Dec. 10, 1999, effective July 1, 2000.)

7.6 Basic Litigation Course. [TBP]

7.7 In-service Training. [TBP]

7.8 Investigator Training.

- (a) POST Basic Course. [TPB]
- (b) POST Accredited Courses. [TPB]
- (c) In-service Training. [TPB]

7.9 Out-of-State Training. [TBP]

7.10 Firearms & Weapons Qualification.

- (a) The provisions of this Section apply to all District Attorney personnel, including the District Attorney, who are authorized or permitted to carry a firearm while in performance of official duties pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 16-11-130(5) and 16-11-127(C)(5).
- (b) Authority to carry firearms.
 - (1) Georgia law exempts District Attorneys, Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators from certain restrictions on carrying firearms including the requirement of having a pistol permit. In addition O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1(c)(5) authorizes prosecuting attorneys and their investigators to carry a firearm within a school zone while in performance of official duty or when en route to or from their official duties.

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- (2) The District Attorney may, as a condition of employment, authorize or restrict the carrying of firearms by Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators.
 - (3) If the District Attorney authorizes or permits Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators to carry a firearm while in the performance of official duties, the District Attorney shall require that any such employee qualify annually with such firearm.
- (c) Weapons Qualification.
- (1) Employees who are authorized to carry a weapon shall complete firearms training and qualification which consists of the following:
 - (a) Classroom instruction on the fundamentals of firing the weapon which the employee carries;
 - (b) Classroom instruction in firearms safety and preventive maintenance;
 - (c) Classroom instruction in the legal aspects of firearms use; and
 - (d) Range practice and qualification with the authorized firearm,
 - (2) Firearms training and qualification will be done through a law enforcement agency or law enforcement training academy certified by POST in accordance with POST approved procedures for firearms training and qualification.
 - (3) An employee who fails to qualify with the authorized firearm, shall not be permitted to carry a firearm while in performance of official duties.

7.11 Training for Administrative, Clerical and Paraprofessional Personnel. [TBP]

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-19, 15-18-21; original Rule ratified 12/10/1999, effective 7/1/2000.

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