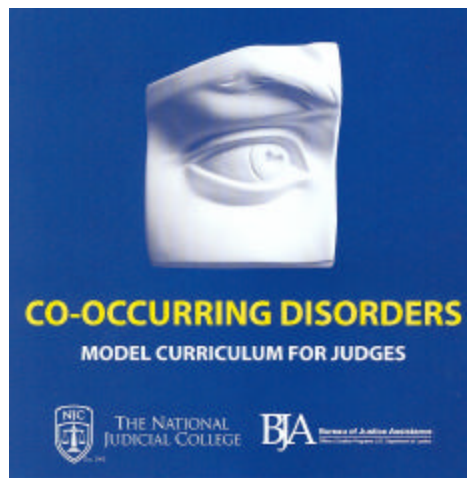


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**CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS MODEL CURRICULUM FOR JUDGES**

RENO, NV - The National Judicial College, under a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, created a model curriculum for judges on the issue of co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders. Many criminal cases involve alcohol and other drug addictions as well as major mental disorders. Judges who handle such cases should have an understanding of substance abuse, mental and co-occurring disorders as they affect the justice system. This model curriculum helps to accomplish that task by providing an introduction to these topics.

The content of this CD will enable judicial educators to present an effective and interactive three-hour session on co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders. The CD contains a faculty manual and several resource documents to assist in the presentation of the material. These documents may be accessed using Adobe® Reader®. The curriculum comprises three presentations that use Microsoft® PowerPoint® presentation software. The first presentation provides an introduction; the second presentation provides information on substance abuse, mental illness and treatment; and the third describes strategies the judge may use in his/her courtroom to address these issues. The faculty manual provides directions for preparing a program and instructions to modify the presentations to fit the presenter's audience, style, and time constraints.



If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the model curriculum, e-mail [[wosje@judges.org](mailto:wosje@judges.org)] or fax [775-784-1253] **Robin E. Wosje** the following:

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