



## Introduction to Small Claims Court for Magistrates

**MAY 8-10, 2017**

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### MONDAY, MAY 8

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9:00 am	Welcome & Introductions	
9:15	<b>Bench Skills: What They Are, and Why They Matter</b>	30 min.
9:45	<b>Overview of Small Claims and Judicial Decision-Making</b>	45 min.
10:30	Break	
10:45	<b>Small Claims Procedure</b>	90 min.
12:15 pm	Lunch - School of Government Dining Hall	
1:00	<b>Small Claims Procedure – cont'd</b>	90 min.
2:30	Break	
2:45	<b>Small Claims Procedure – cont'd</b>	60 min.
3:45	Break	
4:00	<b>Small Claims Procedure – cont'd</b>	75 min.
5:15	Recess	

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

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8:30 am	<i>Revisiting Yesterday</i>	15 min.
8:45	<b>Landlord-Tenant Law</b>	90 min.
10:15	Break	
10:30	<b>Landlord-Tenant Law – cont'd</b>	75 min.
11:45	Lunch - School of Government Dining Hall	
12:30 pm	<b>Landlord-Tenant Law – cont'd</b>	45 min.
1:15	Break	
1:25	<b>Exercise and Discussion: What Kind of Judge Do You Want to Be?</b>	50 min.
2:15	Break	
2:25	<b>Exercise and Discussion: Dealing with Special Circumstances</b>	55 min.
3:30	Break	
3:45	<b>Mock Trials</b>	75 min.
5:00	Recess	

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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8:30 am	<i>Revisiting Yesterday</i>	15 min.
8:45	<b>Analyzing Contract Cases</b>	75 min.
10:00	Break	
10:15	<b>Actions to Recover Possession</b>	75 min.
11:30	<b>Attorneys in the Courtroom</b>	60 min.
12:30 pm	Lunch - School of Government Dining Hall	
1:15	<b>Final Exercise: Putting all the Pieces Together</b>	105 min.
3:00	Evaluations and Wrap-up	
3:15	Adjourn	

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**Magistrate Continuing Education Credit:**

General Credit: 18.75 hours

*An application for CEL credit has been submitted to the State Bar and is pending approval.*