



# Judicial training structures in the EU

United Kingdom – Northern Ireland

Entity name: **Judicial Studies Board**

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## Target group

Judiciary

### *Initial /induction period training*

- Existence of initial/induction training period YES  
JSB devises a programme of induction and mentoring for each new appointment. Induction training will cover a range of topics delivered over a sequence of days, some of which will involve residential attendance.
- Length of such period - No set length of time
- Existence of a curriculum - NO
- Language training - NO
- Internship periods - NO

### *Continuous training*

- Compulsory - NO, attendance at continuous training events is voluntary.
- Existence of a yearly programme:  
YES - Judicial Studies Board for Northern Ireland (JSB) organises a series of training events (a mixture of seminars and workshops) throughout the legal year and also facilitates, through funding provision and logistical support judicial attendance at conferences, induction training and training events organised by judicial training bodies in GB, Ireland and Europe.  
The programme in any given year will reflect the perceived needs for judicial training in that year and is determined by a number of factors including: developments in case law; newly commenced legislation; feedback from the judiciary; and, initiatives of the Lord Chief Justice (LCJ).
- Most continuous training events have a duration of approximately one and a half hours.
- Average number of persons trained each year – N/A

## International partnerships/agreements

JSB is a member of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) and The International Organisation for Judicial Training (IOJT).

Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible: YES – Members of EJTN & Judicial colleagues in Scotland, E&W, Ireland are welcome to participate in JSB training sessions.

## History and good practices

- Date of creation of judicial training entity 1993

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