

Memorandum of Understanding

The Social Security Administration ("SSA" or the "agency") and the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers ("IFPTE" or the "AALJ") hereby enter into this agreement concerning management's decision to conduct the 2015 Judicial Training.

1. The selected ALJs will be notified via their regular SSA electronic mail of the dates and location (i.e. tentatively July 6-10, 2015, and August 17-21, 2015, location Baltimore) of the Judicial Training on or before May 31, 2015. In the unlikely event that the Judicial Training does not meet budgetary or other approval, the agency will immediately notify the AALJ.
2. To the extent possible, the agency has agreed to permit the selected ALJs to request which week they will attend the Judicial Training (either July 6-10, 2015, or August 17-21, 2015.) All timely requests (see paragraph 4 below) will be granted based on ALJ seniority with the most senior ALJs' requests honored first.
3. Consistent with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this agreement, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the notification described in paragraph 1, these ALJs will notify the Agency of whether they have a conflict that would prohibit them from attending the Judicial Training.
4. In the event any selected ALJs have not requested a week to attend the Judicial Training, and have not notified the agency of a conflict that would prohibit them from attending either week within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the notification described in paragraph 1, those ALJs will be registered for one of the two weeks.
5. Exhibit 1 provides a list of the ALJs who will be invited to attend the 2015 Judicial Training. In addition, other tenured ALJs that may benefit from additional training may be invited to attend.
6. The AALJ President may submit recommended faculty for the Judicial Training, and such recommendations will be given serious consideration.
7. Training materials will be maintained electronically and disseminated to all ALJs, including those in attendance at the Judicial Training, on or before September 30, 2015.
8. The Agency will include the AALJ President and Executive Vice-President, or their designees in its travel orders for the 2015 Judicial Training.
9. The AALJ President will be provided copies of any completed evaluations prepared by ALJs at the Judicial Training, on or before September 30, 2015.
10. No later than three weeks prior to each conference, the AALJ President will be provided a list of all registered attendees.
11. This MOU is subject to the grievance-arbitration procedure of the parties' National Agreement.

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12. The procedures set forth in this MOU will be implemented in a manner consistent with the parties' National Agreement.

For the Agency:

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Judge Mark A. Brown date
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