

Section 56.265 Training Rule

Any prosecuting attorney desiring to qualify for the additional \$2,000 of salary provided by section 56.265.2, RSMo, shall complete during each calendar year at least 20 hours of classroom instruction approved and accredited by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Not more than five credit hours may consist of self-study by watching or listening to video or audio recordings of accredited classroom instruction or Speaker and Author credit for speaking at an accredited program, seminar, or activity for which he or she does not receive compensation, other than reasonable expenses. Credit for being a Speaker and Author shall be granted for (1) actual presentation time, including both initial and repeat presentations; and (2) actual preparation time.

Prosecuting attorneys shall report the completion of the 20 - hour requirement to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services on a form provided by that office.

Accredited classroom instruction approved by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services shall be programs and seminars sponsored by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the National District Attorneys Association, the National College of District Attorneys, the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, and criminal justice seminars sponsored by the Missouri Bar. The number of credit hours completed in any approved program shall be computed by determining the total minutes of instruction, dividing the total by 50, and rounding the quotient up or down to the nearest one-tenth of an hour.

Any prosecuting attorney for whom compliance with the rule is unreasonably difficult due to physical or mental disability may seek an exemption from this requirement by submitting a written request setting forth the grounds therefor. The Prosecutors' Coordinators Training Council shall review and approve or disapprove such requests on an individual basis. Prosecutor should make the written request at least sixty days prior to the end of the reporting year, except in cases when such a deadline is impractical or inappropriate. No prosecuting Attorney shall be exempted from the training set forth in this rule for more than two years in succession.