

TO: ALL MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGES PRESIDING OVER  
MUNICIPAL COURTS

The Bench Book has been a guide for municipal judges since 1972. The last edition of the Bench Book was printed in 1998. Realizing how much the laws have changed since the last edition was printed, MMACJA has endeavored to seek funding to no avail. All efforts having failed, the Board of Directors of MMACJA voted for the Association to update this book and distribute to all municipal courts.

We realize this is an expensive endeavor but considering the benefits for our municipal courts to have this information readily available to the courts, we are proud to present to you the 2010 BENCH BOOK for municipal courts. There have been many changes in the laws and rules over the past twelve years and we suggest you use this book as necessitated by your court cases. Since many of you preside over more than one court, a book will be provided for each municipal court and should be left in possession of the court. If you should leave your position as judge of any court, please leave the book for your successor.

We wish to express our thanks to the many authors, as well as previous authors, for devoting the many hours necessary to write and update these chapters and to Charles Billings, editor of the 2010 Bench Book for his diligent work in coordinating these chapters. We also wish to express our thanks to OSCA for their cooperation in providing updates for all of the Rules. (An updated electronic copy of the Bench Book may be found on OSCA's web site.)

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