

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather A. Barajas, Hon. Kelly S. Benjamin, Chair; Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. André B. Gammage, Magistrate; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Bruce D. Parent, Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg, Hon. Loretta H. Rush, Chief Justice; and Hon. Leslie C. Shively

Staff Members Present: Vicki Davis; Kristyn Hill; Paige Newland; Ruth Reichard; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge, and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order & Welcome:

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. October 2021 Minutes

- a. Judge Rothenberg moved to approve the October minutes; Judge Parent seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the October Minutes.

3. Past Program Review (For future events, the Committee would prefer for faculty names to be added to evaluation tallies)

- a. **City and Town Conference (10/28/21):** Kristyn Hill reported that 54 people registered for the City and Town Court Conference. Programming included commercial drivers licenses and drug-impaired driving presented by Judge Earl Penrod; Hot Topics and FAQs presented by Court Technology staff Annette Page and IOCS Staff Attorney Mindy Pickett; an overview of the IN Department of Natural Resources presented by Lt. Angela Goldman; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion presented by the Supreme Court's Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Gina Forrest. Evaluations are included in the Committee meeting materials. Reviews were positive and the Education team is pleased with the feedback.
- b. **Domestic Relations (11/19/21);** Ruth Reichard reported that 59 people attended this event. Programming included parenting time changes presented by a panel of Indiana judges; a family law taskforce update presented by Kate Guerrero of Indiana Legal Help and the IN Bar Foundation and Judge Elizabeth Tavitias; and same-sex parents and family court cases presented by Dr. Forrest and Princess Darnell. Some commented that they would have preferred more case law for the same-sex parents in family court cases session. Ruth noted that the original plan was to include a judicial officer in the faculty to cover more legal content but due to time constraints, this plan did not come to fruition. Instead, IOCS staff attorneys created a handout with case law to include in session materials.
- c. **Winter Workshop (12/10/21)** Ruth Reichard reported that 130 people attended this program. A session on diversity, equity, and inclusion was placed near the beginning of the program to maximize attendance. Other programming included decision fatigue presented by Retired Florida Appellate Judge David Gersten and neuroscientist Dr. Christopher Gallen; and conflicts of interest and ethical dilemmas presented by a panel of Indiana judges including Judge Tom Felts. The Education staff recommends including decision making content into New Judge Orientation. The Committee does not object.
 - i. The Committee discussed inviting new judges from the previous cycle to the next NJO since they missed out on in-person interactivity. Vicki will check with Jenny Kidwell to determine if the hotel could accommodate the extra space. There are currently 83 judges standing for reelection. We should also factor in new appointees. There will also be a session at Spring Judicial College for new judicial officers focusing on bench skills and issues new judicial officers face.

4. Spring Judicial College

- a. Chief Justice Rush recommends taking a closer look at what appellate judges are seeing in the way of errors (calling mistrials, dealing with enhancements, habitual offender attachments, etc.) and generally offering more "meat and potatoes" or core skills sessions, especially for newer judicial officers. Other suggestions include how to effectively navigate the new normal (continued remote or hybrid hearings); access issues; bulletproof orders; navigating cases related to gender markers/transgender issues and custody/juvenile delinquency; sentence modifications; sentencing enhancements; changes related to the sex offender registry, double jeopardy; best practices for pretrial/CR 26; 53-1 motions; and other sessions that explore the mechanics of the bench and ways to prevent reversal.
- b. Chief Justice Rush recommends surveying the judicial officers via a Weekly Bulletin message to ask for what they want or need in education. She also recommends consulting National Center for State Courts programming to see what could be adapted for an Indiana audience.
- c. In general, moving forward, the Committee favors offering a selection of programming – some more technical, and some more broadly focused.

- d. Vicki Davis said that the Education staff would regroup to see how some of these topics could be incorporated into the Spring Judicial College and other future programming.
 - e. ISBA Judicial Reception
 - i. ISBA has hosted a bench-bar reception in conjunction with Spring Program since 2002. This has always been funded by ISBA/Bar Sponsors with no monetary contribution from IOCS. Occasionally ISBA has also provided bus transportation.
 - ii. ISBA Executive Director Joe Skeel has requested input on alternative ways to collaborate and/or network apart from a \$10K reception.
 - iii. The Committee suggests a joint education program. There is already a bench-bar education program scheduled for Primary Day (May 3, 2022) on Indiana constitutional law. Vicki Davis will reach out to Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Derek Molter for more information. This event could also be advertised in a Weekly Bulletin.
5. Discuss possible changes to Annual Meeting
- a. The Committee favors adding a new judicial officer reception on the first day of the Annual Meeting.
 - b. The Committee also favors working with the St. Joseph County judicial officers, including the Committee's own Magistrate Gammage, to explore a reception at Notre Dame Law School and a possible stadium tour.
 - c. Annual Update Sessions (Criminal Law/Family Law, Civil Law, Recent Rules). Vicki Davis offered the following suggestions to the Committee concerning Annual Meeting legal update sessions:
 - i. Prerecord and post exclusively on the Indiana Courts Education Network (ICEN) to make room for more sessions at the live conference;
 - ii. Or present the sessions live at the conference as usual *and* prerecord for the ICEN.
 - iii. The Committee discussed presenting the sessions live but with no repeats and still prerecording for the ICEN. The Education staff will pull attendance numbers from previous non-pandemic years to determine appropriate room size.
 - d. Vicki Davis proposed moving all award recognition to opening plenary session for maximum attendance for judicial officers being recognized or incorporating the awards into the IJA lunch. Vicki will propose these ideas to Chief Justice Rush.
6. Evidence Series Education Proposal: Judge Felts reported that this falls into the "meat and potatoes" notion previously discussed. The Education staff would like to revitalize and refocus evidence education programming. Judge Timothy Spahr from Miami County and Judge Elizabeth Hurley of St. Joseph County are working on this content to present at the Annual Meeting and Spring Judicial College 2023. It would also be beneficial to record some content for wider accessibility. Judge Felts further noted that interactivity will be more of a focus for this new content. Judge Rothenberg noted that he has recently developed some new evidence material for Marion County judicial officers and could serve as another faculty resource.
7. Report on 2022 primary/general election and rollout of election law/candidate course on LMS: Ruth Reichard reported that 83 judges are up for retention or reelection. Approximately 42 have filed to be on the ballot. So far, 11 have primary challengers. As the filing deadline approaches in early February, the Education staff will have a better idea of the size of the new judge orientation class.
8. Vicki Davis reviewed the 2022 Education/Conference calendar.
9. Master's Certificate Project Report. Judge Penrod reminded the subcommittee of their role in advising Master's Certificate candidates. Judge Penrod also noted that there is a need to reinvigorate the program and increase the number of applicants.
10. Mandatory CJE Credit Reporting. Vicki Davis reported that going into December, approximately 170 judicial officers needed some additional CLE credits. Most were able to complete their CLE by the end of the year. Currently, only six individuals have outstanding CLE requirements. Vicki will ask Chief Justice Rush whether or not the suspension of distance CLE limits will carry on into 2022.
11. Future Meeting Dates (all times at 1:00 pm): March 25, May 20, July 22, and October 28

Judge Rothenberg moved to adjourn the meeting; Judge Parent seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather A. Barajas, Hon. Kelly S. Benjamin, Chair; Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. André B. Gammage, Magistrate; Hon. A. Christopher Lee; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Bruce D. Parent, Hon. Hunter J. Reece; Hon. Loretta H. Rush, Chief Justice; Hon. Leslie C. Shively; and Hon. Charles K. Todd

Staff Members Present: Ashley Moise; Kristyn Hill; Paige Newland; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge, and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. January 2022 Minutes

- a. Judge Lund moved to approve the January minutes; Judge Parent seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the January Minutes.

3. Back on the Road Again in Indiana: HEA 1199 Webinar (April 7)

- a. Kristyn Hill reported that this lunchtime webinar will serve as an extended version of a presentation that will be presented at the Spring Judicial College's Impaired Driving program. The webinar will explore the changes that went into effect on December 31st regarding driving privileges. Faculty will also answer some frequently asked questions. Faculty will include Senior Judge Penrod, IOCS Staff Attorney Mindy Pickett, and Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Chris Daniels. There are 34 currently registered. The Committee is encouraged to spread the word amongst their colleagues who might be interested in attending. This program will be recorded and placed in the Indiana Courts Education Network.

4. Spring Judicial College (April 26-28)

- a. Ashley Moise reported that registration went out earlier this month in the Weekly Bulletin. There are 259 currently registered. A reminder to register will go out next week.
- b. Final safety protocols will be determined closer to the program based on Marion County transmission rates. As of now, masks will likely be optional.
- c. On Day 1 (April 26), ISBA will sponsor a reception and a CLE program for magistrates and judges. Watch for more information from ISBA.
- d. Ashley also requested one more judicial officer to serve as a table leader for the "Definition of Insanity" discussion. Discussion questions will be provided to facilitators. Judge Gretchen Lund volunteered.

5. Recent Legislation Webinars (Dates TBA)

- a. Ashley Moise and Judge Felts requested volunteers to serve as faculty for the 2022 Recent Legislation webinars. IOCS staff recommends a list of legislation to cover; faculty would be responsible for creating a slideshow and familiarizing themselves with the legislation. This is a good opportunity for newer faculty to gain more experience. Mag. Flanigan volunteered to cover judicial administration updates; Judge Reece volunteered for criminal updates; Judge Parent volunteered for civil updates; and Judge Barajas volunteered for family law updates.

6. Request for Court Security Training

- a. The Court Security Committee requested training for courts on creating court security plans. Kristyn Hill reviewed the Education Division's training proposal which includes 1-2 Annual Meeting sessions and 1-2 webinars for those unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The webinars will also be opened to court administrators and court security officers. Faculty will be available after the webinars for Q&A. The Education Division is still in the information-gathering phase and welcomes Committee input. Judge Benjamin recommended the Committee postpone further discussion until the next meeting when a representative from the Court Security Committee (Mag. Reyome) could appear. In the meantime, the Committee is asked to review the draft proposal and come prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

7. 2022 Annual Meeting (September 7-9)

- a. The Committee discussed various logistics for the Annual Meeting:
 - i. **Awards:** The Committee favors dividing awards between multiple sessions, possibly including the IJA Luncheon (24 Year Awards). Chief Justice Rush recommends providing some more context to each award.

- ii. **Keynotes:** Chief Justice Rush recommends Justice David speaking about his legal and military career; and/or Guantanamo, the Rule of Law, and lessons learned. Judge Parent recommends body language expert Janine Driver. The Committee is encouraged to send any other keynote or breakout session ideas to Ashley and Vicki.
 - 1. Judge Lund proposes a breakout session from the Department of Correction on RWI and Purposeful Incarceration, including language, programming, modifications, reentry/continuity of care, etc. Angela West is a good contact. Judge Felts saw a similar presentation at a NAMI event and supports the recommendation.
 - 2. Mag. Flanigan suggests inviting Judge Spahr and Judge Penrod to promote the Master's Certificate program, wherein Judge Spahr can outline his research project and Judge Penrod can invite others to apply for the program.
- iii. **Stadium/Law School Tour:** Mag. Gammage will inquire about how long tours of each facility normally take. This will help determine the start times for the tour and subsequent reception on Day 1.
- iv. **Thursday plenary:** The Committee favors keeping a plenary on Thursday morning.
- v. **Movie night:** The Committee supports keeping the movie night as long as it is not too burdensome for staff.
- vi. **Friday breakouts:** Day 3 of the conference often sees a drop-off in attendance, especially in breakouts. The Committee would like to keep breakout sessions rather than having only plenaries. The Committee did not specifically recommend reducing the number of breakouts but did recommend placing more law update sessions in the Friday timeslots.

8. 2022 Winter Workshop (December 9)

- a. Ashley Moise reviewed the Education Division's recommendation for a cybersecurity and disinformation-themed workshop. This timely topic could incorporate internet privacy, protecting systems, planning, and dealing with specific cyber and/or disinformation threats. The Committee supports this recommendation.

9. New Judicial Candidate Training and New Judge Orientation

- a. Ashley Moise reported that the judicial candidate training course was recently deployed on the Indiana Courts Education Network. For New Judge Orientation, the Education Division anticipates approximately 63 new judicial officers including 44 appointees, 13 retirements, five possible contested elections, and one new court in Hamilton County.

10. Master's Certificate Project Report.

- a. Judge Penrod reported that Judge Spahr is progressing well. His research on the history of Miami County courts is extremely impressive and the subcommittee looks forward to the finished product.

11. Future Meeting Dates (all times at 1:00 pm): May 20, July 22, and October 28

12. Judge Lund moved to adjourn the meeting; Mag. Cook seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather A. Barajas, Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. André B. Gammage, Magistrate; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Bruce D. Parent, Hon. Hunter J. Reece; Hon. Loretta H. Rush, Chief Justice; and Hon. Leslie C. Shively.

Staff Members Present: Ashley Moise; Linda Girard; Kristyn Hill; Mary Mitchell; Paige Newland; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge (acting chair), and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order & Welcome:

- a. Judge Felts called the meeting to order on behalf of Judge Benjamin.

2. March 2022 Minutes

- a. Magistrate Cook moved to approve the March minutes; Judge Reece seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the March Minutes.

3. New IOCS Staff Introductions

- a. Ashley Moise introduced new Education staff Mary Mitchell and Linda Girard.

4. Back on the Road Again in Indiana: HEA 1199 Webinar (April 7)

- a. Kristyn Hill reported that 76 individuals registered for this program. Staff thanks IOCS Staff Attorney Mindy Pickett and Indiana Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Chris Daniels for serving as faculty and Judge Earl Penrod for serving as moderator and session developer. The webinar addressed changes to license suspensions for failure to pay (FTP), failure to appear (FTA), failure to pay child support and failure to have insurance as well as frequently asked questions. The recording is now available on the Indiana Courts Education Network.

5. Spring Judicial College (April 26-28)

- a. Ashley Moise reported that 295 individuals attended the conference.
- b. Due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances, several faculty adjustments had to be made at the last minute. Thursday's Restorative Justice session did not happen live but was recorded afterwards and will be made available with the rest of the courses on the Indiana Courts Education Network (ICEN).
- c. The screening of *The Definition of Insanity* and subsequent discussion provided a different session experience from the usual SJC format. Attendees responded well and it seemed to be a positive experience for all. Thank you to the Committee members who served as discussion leaders.
- d. Vicki Davis addressed feedback about the facility which experienced several unfortunate issues during our event. IOCS is already contracted to host the summer Court and Clerk Personnel Conference and the 2023 Spring Judicial College at this facility. Cancelling will incur hefty fees. Also, there is little chance IOCS could secure adequate space at a different facility on the same dates that have already been publicized.
- e. Committee discussion: Some felt there was too much downtime between sessions. Perhaps in the future, this conference can be condensed into two full days instead of three days.

6. Recent Legislation Webinars

- a. Judge Felts reported that the recent legislation webinars are scheduled for June 23 and June 30. Registration will come out soon in the Weekly Bulletin.

7. Court Security Training Update

- a. Ashley Moise reported that there is a new direction for the previously mentioned Court Security training proposal. A pilot training is being developed for five counties by the Court Security Committee, the National Sheriff's Association, and Office of Judicial Administration staff. The training will include a pre-workshop assessment and discuss court security planning.
- b. There will also be court security training at the Annual Meeting.

8. First Amendment Auditor Webinar

- a. The Education staff is developing a "First Amendment auditors" webinar. Content will include legal parameters and boundaries for responding to these individuals, de-escalation, and other general best practices for responding appropriately.

9. 2022 Annual Meeting (September 7-9)

- a. Judge Felts asked the Committee for feedback on the following decision points:
 - i. Required in-person attendance? Chief Justice Rush prefers in-person attendance if at all possible. Absence requests will be considered.
 - ii. Record sessions? Yes.
 - iii. Break length: 15 minutes.
 - iv. Approved South Bend Mayor to provide welcoming remarks.
 - v. Approved Service Member's Relief Act PSA followed by a longer webinar in the ICEN.
 - vi. The Strategic Planning Committee requests time to discuss issues, challenges, and collaboration opportunities within judicial districts. Staff propose swapping out the Thursday plenary for district meetings as space permits. The Committee would prefer to not lose a plenary if possible and considers 90 minutes too long for district meetings. Overall, the Committee would like more details on specific topics and desired takeaways before confirming the schedule change. Staff will inquire with Michelle Goodman.
 - vii. Movie night? The Committee agrees to re-screen *The Definition of Insanity* and to follow up with a breakout session the next day. Faculty should be a panel of mental health court judges and might include information on how to start a mental health court. Chief Justice Rush recommends including Justice Goff. This would serve as a good lead-in to the Behavioral Health Summit.
 - 1. One consideration for scheduling purposes is that because the Committee opted to include more legal update sessions to Friday to bolster attendance, this might reduce attendance to the Mental Health panel if it is also placed on Friday. A possible solution would be to move the panel to Thursday, promote the documentary screening for Thursday evening, and perhaps follow up with a breakfast discussion Friday morning.
 - viii. Friday plenary: The Committee prefers an in-person speaker who would be dynamic, inspiring, offer good takeaways, and have a good sense of humor.
 - ix. Open session slots:
 - 1. The Committee would like to prioritize one or more sessions with Notre Dame law faculty depending on their expertise. Magistrate Gammage is willing to coordinate with staff to secure faculty.
 - 2. The Committee would also like a session on contempt for newer judicial officers.

10. Election Update

- a. Linda Girard reported that as a result of the Primary Election, there will be 17 new judicial officers. This could increase to 19 after the General Election. This does not include new appointments.

11. Master's Certificate Project Report.

- a. Judge Penrod reported that Judge Spahr continues to make progress. Magistrate Flanigan, Judge Parent, and Judge Rothenberg are appreciated for their subcommittee advisory role. One new judge has expressed interest in applying for the program. Committee members are encouraged to promote the program among their colleagues.

12. Future Meeting Dates (all times at 1:00 pm): July 22 and October 28

Meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, July 22, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather A. Barajas, Hon. Kelly S. Benjamin; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. A. Christopher Lee; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Bruce D. Parent, Hon. Hunter J. Reece; Hon. Leslie C. Shively; and Hon. Charles K. Todd.

Staff Members Present: Ashley Moise; Kristyn Hill; Mary Mitchell; Paige Newland; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge (acting chair), and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. May 2022 Minutes

- a. Judge Reece moved to approve the May minutes; Judge Barajas seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the May Minutes.

3. Past Program Review

a. Juvenile and Family Judicial Officer Conference (June 9-10)

- i. Kristyn Hill reported that 155 registered for the inaugural Joint Juvenile and Family Court conference in June. Thirteen educational sessions were offered over the two-day program. The Education team is pleased with the evaluations and welcomes Committee feedback. The Committee recommends more time be allotted to recent legislation in the future.

b. Recent Legislation Webinars

- i. Ashley Moise reported that the Civil, Probate, and Juvenile webinar had 48 attendees and the Judicial Administration, Criminal, and Traffic webinar had 57 attendees. The Recent Legislation webinars are intended to provide a high-level summary of the coming legislative changes and point viewers towards relevant resources. Thank you to the Committee members who served as faculty.

4. 2022 Annual Meeting (Sept. 7-9)

- a. Ashley Moise reported that registration opened in the previous Wednesday Weekly Bulletin.
- b. An additional breakout group was added for Thursday morning. Instead of a plenary, the Strategic Planning Committee's session will be a breakout.
 - i. Request for movie discussion leaders: Judge Parent, Judge Lee, and Judge Lund volunteered. Others who would like to help are encouraged to email Ashley.
 - ii. Thank you to Judge Hurley and Mag. Gammage and the whole South Bend team for their assistance in planning the Notre Dame tour and reception.
- c. Some Committee members expressed concern that all the Law Update sessions will run concurrently on Friday with no repeats. The Committee was assured that those sessions will be available on the Indiana Courts Education Network after the conference, but it could be beneficial to clarify the messaging accordingly to assuage concerns at large.

5. New Judge Orientation (December 5-8 and January 24-27)

- a. Ashley Moise provided some updates and asked the Committee for some input.
 - i. Should in-person attendance be required? The Committee agreed that in-person attendance should be required. There was no dissent.
- b. What are the "must-have" topics?
 - i. How to manage your docket
 - ii. How to handle contempt
 - iii. How to run Odyssey/coordinate with staff in Odyssey/general proficiency in Odyssey/
 1. Could this be a hands-on/computer lab set-up? Breakfast tech room with staff to help guide? Separate into groups based on experience with Odyssey
 - iv. Getting contacts/names/faces for IOCS
 - v. One-on-one case statistics
 - vi. How to respond to SRLs
 - vii. Virtual v. In-person hearings in light of Covid

- c. The Committee also discussed ideas to promote networking, community, and wellness: send in a fun fact and/or childhood photo and guess who's who; nicknames; bulletin board with rideshare/restaurant info; at least one dinner or session with assigned seating. If anyone has other ideas, please reach out to Ashley.

6. Winter Workshop on Cybersecurity (December 9)

- a. The Committee is asked to identify specific areas they would like to cover during the Cybersecurity-themed Winter Workshop. Ideas include: best practices with social media apps; multifactor authentication; the importance of having more than one administrator for systems; profile settings; training staff on how to handle emails with links; doing personal business on your court computer.

7. Master's Certificate Project Report

- a. Judge Spahr targets September 2023 for completing his project. Judge Penrod will be reaching out to some prospective master's students who have submitted topics or expressed interest but have taken no further steps. Judge Penrod will also reach out to Committee members to serve on subcommittees to monitor projects and provide feedback. Finally, Judge Penrod will also work on some outreach and marketing ideas to promote the program.

8. Future Meeting Date (all times at 1:00 pm): October 28

Judge Parent moved to end the meeting. Judge Reece seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, October 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather A. Barajas, Hon. Kelly S. Benjamin (chair); Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. A. Christopher Lee; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Hunter J. Reece, and Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg.

Staff Members Present: Vicki Davis; Linda Girard; Kristyn Hill; Paige Newland; and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

Special Guest: Hon. Stephen Scheele, Lake Superior Court

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. July 2022 Minutes

- a. Judge Lee moved to approve the July minutes; Judge Hurley seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the July Minutes.

3. NJC Climate Science Initiative/Program

- a. **Summary from Special Guest:** Judge Scheele thanks the Committee for their interest in this topic. He outlined the origins of the Climate Science Initiative and how climate science may affect court dockets. Judge Scheele served as the delegate from Indiana to attend some national programming hosted by NJC. The programs served to educate judicial participants on climate science/climate change and how these issues impact state court dockets. Judge Scheele inquires whether this might be a topic of interest at an upcoming program, perhaps the Spring Judicial College – in particular, the need to take stock of these climate issues and how they impact state court dockets.
 - i. **Further detail:** How does this matter? There are local, regional, and national impacts: floods, famines, and fires. Out west, there are often water issues, fires, and heat bubbles. In the Midwest, there are substantial impacts on agriculture, the Great Lakes are rising and warmer than ever, there are energy dynamics - NIPSCO is currently converting away from coal to solar and wind power; a lot of agricultural farmland is being converted to windfarms prompting some lawsuits in and around Pulaski county. There are right to farm issues - Kentucky has a “right to hunt,” and some are raising concerns of wildlife being impacted by climate change. All in all, there are many issues flowing into courts.
 - ii. **Next steps:** Judge Scheele agreed to put a proposal together for a 3-hour Spring session and another 4–5-hour proposal for a future Winter Workshop.

4. Past Program Review

- a. **2022 Annual Meeting (Sept. 7-9)**
 - i. The Committee acknowledged the complaints regarding placement of the law update sessions. Note for next time: do not schedule all the law updates concurrently on Friday, and/or offer multiple sessions of each.
 - ii. Otherwise, the Committee praised James Hamilton’s presentation and recommend that security-related content be kept at the forefront.
 - iii. The Strategic Planning Committee requests a more formal opportunity for district meetings at the Annual Meeting, either on Day 1 or 2 in the afternoon. The Committee voiced support and proposed possibly combining a few of the smaller or single-county districts.

5. New Judge Orientation (December 5-8 and January 24-27)

- a. Kristyn Hill reported that about 65 new judicial officers are expected for the December program. Most programming will be live and in-person with a handful of supplemental on-demand recordings. The Education team is excited to return to in-person orientation.

6. Ethics & Professionalism Committee Proposal (see attachment)

- a. The Ethics Committee is interested in making a more concerted effort to create ethics-related educational content at the judicial officer conferences. Adrienne Meiring is interested in including common ethical issues she is seeing. Judge Dolehanty also recommends incorporating JLAP into these sessions to explore the intersection of ethics, decision-making, and judicial well-being.

7. Spring Judicial College

- a. **Thoughts on 2 day or 3 day program?** The Committee did not have strong thoughts either way, but some thought that there might be pushback for changing the format.

- b. **Ideas for Spring Judicial College Courses:** Current topics suggested are:
 - i. Starting a problem-solving court with a focus on domestic violence courts
 - ii. Training on eviction cases, especially considering the recent Supreme Court order
 - iii. Evidence workshop(s) on a particular rule
 - iv. Drafting findings of fact and conclusions of law
 - v. High-profile cases (for example, school violence threats)
 - vi. Ask the COA/SC for the common issues they are seeing come up on appeal

8. 2023 Annual Meeting: Keynotes

- a. The Committee supports exploring Mitch Albom
- b. The Committee does not recommend exploring Richard Rothstein.
- c. Perhaps someone could talk about time management, procrastination, getting things done, etc.

9. Master’s Certificate Project Report: Judge Penrod reported that Judge Spahr is making excellent progress on his book covering the history of Miami County courts. Members of the subcommittee who are reviewing his project agreed that it is incredibly impressive and look forward to seeing the finished product.

10. 2023 Meeting dates-TBA

Magistrate Cook moved to end the meeting. Judge Barajas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland