

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kelly S. Benjamin (chair); Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund, Hon. Bruce D. Parent; Hon. Hunter J. Reece, Hon. Leslie C. Shively; Hon. Charles K. Todd; and Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg.

Staff Members Present: Vicki Davis; Ashley Moise; Linda Girard; Kristyn Hill; Mary Mitchell; Paige Newland; Kathy Wasson; and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. October 2022 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review

- a. **New Judge Orientation:** Ashley Moise reported that there were 70 attendees for Part 1. Thank you to the Committee members who served as faculty.
 - i. To recap Part 1, each day had a different theme (judge as employer, leadership and wellness, people you meet in court, and other general things you need to know). Particular efforts were made to foster networking and connection among attendees including Q&A opportunities, lunch discussions, tabletop activities, and more. The program and engagement activities were very well-received.
 - ii. For future orientations, the Committee discussed possibly grouping attendees into those who have already served on the bench (as magistrates, commissioners, etc.) and those who are brand new to the bench.
- b. **Winter Workshop:** Linda Girard reported that 113 people attended this program which focused on cybersecurity and disinformation. A highlight of the day was a presentation by the National Center for State Courts on disinformation and misinformation.
 - i. The Committee discussed theming the next Winter Workshop on evidence, particularly for difficult cases. Judge Hurley recently attended a national evidence program and will ponder faculty recommendations.

4. Upcoming Programs

- a. **New Judge Orientation Part 2 (January 24-27) and Juvenile Judge Orientation:** Ashley noted that Senior Judges were included in the targeted registration for Juvenile Judge Orientation. The goal is to increase the pool of Senior Judges familiar with juvenile jurisdiction.
- b. **Spring Judicial College (April 18-20):** The Committee discussed plenary topics such as 1) the new expungements statute with additional tracking requirements; 2) 404B evidence and possible Odyssey reporting; 3) case statistics/disposition/reporting; 4) Administrative Rule 4; 5) and Competency (especially for juveniles).
- c. **Annual Meeting (September 13-15):**
 - i. Vicki Davis reported that the Education staff are exploring Mitch Albom as a plenary option.
 - ii. Judge Tavitas has asked for a 45-60-minute presentation on the Innovation Initiative. This would include a report from each subgroup (Civil Litigation, Rural Justice Initiative; Family Law, and Technology) and discuss resources available for self-represented litigants.
 - iii. The Committee is asked to consider topics beyond the law update and ethics sessions.
 - iv. Strategic planning district meetings will take place on the afternoon of day 1 during the other affinity meetings.

5. **Location of Annual Meeting:** The Committee favors Indianapolis for the 2024 location.

6. **Learning Management System Testers:** Kathy Wasson, Instructional Design Specialist, reported that the Education Division is exploring options for a new learning management system for the Court. Staff are interested in having some Committee members help test out the new systems as end-users. Committee members who are interested in being test users can contact Kathy for more information.

7. **Master's Certificate Project Report:** No updates

8. 2023 Meeting dates

- a. March 24
- b. May 19
- c. July 21
- d. October 20

Judge Reece moved to end the meeting. Judge Parent seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather 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. Bruce D. Parent; Hon. Leslie C. Shively; and Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg;

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

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Benjamin called the meeting to order.

2. January 2023 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review

- a. **New Judge Orientation Part 2 (Jan 24-27):** Ashley Moise reported that there were 63 attendees for Part 2 of orientation. As in Part 1, there were purposeful opportunities for engagement and camaraderie in addition to the educational content. Although there was a bit of bad weather, it was a good program and well-received.
- b. **New Juvenile Judge Orientation (Mar 9-10):** Ashley reported that invitees included new judges exercising juvenile jurisdiction, seasoned judges who desired a “refresher” training, and senior judges.
- c. **Juvenile Competency Webinar (Feb 24):** Linda Girard reported that there were 142 attendees. Respondents appreciated the variety of representation on the panel (judiciary, DCS, and probation); the handouts; and the thorough Q&A. More training on this topic was requested.

4. Upcoming Programs

- a. **Spring Judicial College Update:** Ashley Moise reported that 302 are currently registered for Spring Judicial College. One more reminder will go out in a future Weekly Bulletin.
- b. **Annual Meeting 2023:**
 - i. Plenary speakers and breakout sessions: Ashley reported that Mitch Albom is unavailable; an alternative suggestion is Father Greg Boyle who works with gang rehabilitation and re-entry primarily in California. The Committee supports this and also asked for a list of speakers previously considered but not yet utilized.
 - ii. Other:
 1. The Committee supports adding breakout sessions on:
 - a. Cameras in the courtroom/livestreaming;
 - b. How security factors into remote hearings;
 - c. Evictions
 2. If we offer another movie night, one recommendation is a Father Boyle documentary.

5. **Location of Annual Meeting 2025:** The Committee favors Fort Wayne for the 2025 location.

6. **Recent Legislation Webinars:** Judge Felts requested volunteers to assist with the Recent Legislation webinars this summer (tentatively scheduled for June 22 and 23). Amanda Wishin is compiling the new legislation. Mag. Flanigan volunteered for Judicial Administration.

7. **Winter Workshop:** Linda Girard reported that Leslie Dunn, Deputy Director of IOCS (Children and Families) and Nick Parker (staff attorney) are working on a proposal for a guardianship-themed workshop. The Committee would like to include juvenile guardianships (parents abusing substances); Judge Barajas offered to possibly serve as faculty (Montgomery County just started an adult guardianship program). An alternative workshop topic is evidence.

8. **Master’s Certificate Program Review:** Judge Penrod reported that Judge Spahr continues to progress on his book. Judge Penrod will reach out to Judge Worton to inquire about his current status. Two additional applications have been approved, but the two judicial officers have since become senior judges. The Committee still supports them completing their projects. There are three others who have expressed interest in the program, so Judge Penrod will initiate contact with them.

9. 2023 Meeting dates

- a. May 19
- b. July 21
- c. October 20

Judge Parent moved to end the meeting. Mag. Flanigan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge (Acting Chair); 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; and Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg.

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

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Felts as Acting Chair called the meeting to order.

2. March 2023 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review

- a. **Spring Judicial College:** Ashley Moise reported that there were 350 attendees at Spring, which is even more than last year (310). Next year's event will be at the Convention Center. Reviews were overall positive: the two evidence programs and the avoiding reversal program were among the highest-reviewed sessions. The lunch tables were particularly well-received, although not everyone was aware of the table topics.

4. Upcoming Programs

a. 2023 Annual Meeting – Miscellaneous Decisions & Discussion:

- i. The Committee supports asking Dr. Polly Wescott to return as faculty for a session on aging/neuropsychology. Her sessions at both Spring Judicial College and a recent JLAP event were highly reviewed.
- ii. The Committee recommended having the Nanette K. Raduenz award presented during the IJA luncheon. Judge Dolehanty will confer with the future president of the IJA to confirm.
- iii. For plenaries, the Education Team is awaiting confirmation from Father Boyle to speak on Friday. Wednesday will tentatively be Karrah Herring, the Chief Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity Officer in the Governor's Office. Josh Shipp (motivational speaker) and Shon Hopwood (formerly incarcerated attorney and professor) are recommended alternatives.
- iv. Rob Love, Supreme Court Chief Diversity Officer, addressed some concerns from judicial officers that have come to light about the culture and climate of French Lick. The Committee engaged in a productive discussion about supporting their colleagues who have had negative experiences; bringing more awareness of these issues to the judiciary at large; and using this as an opportunity to enhance judicial camaraderie in the pursuit of fair and equitable treatment for all. More discussions will be had at the Court and with the facilities moving forward to ensure the best possible experience for judicial officers at this conference and beyond.

5. **Recent Legislation Webinars:** Judge Felts requested volunteers to assist with the Recent Legislation webinars this summer (tentatively scheduled for June 22 and 23). Amanda Wishin is compiling the new legislation. Judge Rothenberg, Judge Hurley, and Judge Lund expressed interest, contingent upon their availability. Magistrate Flanigan already volunteered for judicial administration.

6. **Winter Workshop:** Linda Girard reported that the theme proposed for 2023 is artificial intelligence and other technologies. The Committee supports this theme and acknowledges its relevance in the present day.

7. **Master's Certificate Program Review:** Judge Spahr continues to progress. No other updates.

8. 2023 Meeting dates

- a. July 21
- b. October 20

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, July 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kimberly J. Bacon; Hon. Heather L. Barajas; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund (chair); Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. A. Christopher Lee, Hon. Bruce D. Parent; Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg; and Hon. Charles K. Todd

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

Guests: Rob Love; Terry Harrell

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Judge Lund welcomed new Committee members and called the meeting to order.

2. May 2023 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review

- a. **Juvenile Annual Meeting: (June 15-16):** Linda Girard reported that 124 judicial officers attended the Juvenile Annual Meeting in Carmel. The program emphasized judicial wellness and networking. The two highest-reviewed sessions were Recent Legislation and Case Law and the Older Youth Panel.
- b. **Recent Legislation Webinars (June 22-23):** Linda Girard reported that 63 judicial officers attended the first webinar on Civil, Family, and Juvenile Law; 55 attended the second webinar on Judicial Administration and Criminal Law. The staff thanks Committee members and other judicial officers who served as faculty: Judge DeGroot; Mag. Foley; Mag. Flanigan; and Judge Hurley.
- c. **Trial Court and Clerk Conference (July 11):** Mary Mitchell reported that the team spent a lot of time collecting and reviewing feedback from last year's conference to inform the planning for this year. Sessions were crafted with practical takeaways in mind, and a Self-Directed Learning Area was created with informational tables and staff support. Committee members whose staff attended reported that they enjoyed the program.

4. Upcoming Programs

a. Annual Meeting 2023:

- i. Continuing the conversation from the last Committee meeting about the culture and climate of French Lick, Rob Love (Chief Diversity Officer) reported that he had some fruitful conversation with facility representatives. They expressed concern and asked to be informed directly of any future negative experiences. They have taken some actions thus far to enhance the safety and comfort of all guests and pledge to continue these efforts in collaboration with the Court and other patrons to provide the best possible experience for all.
- ii. Ashley Moise reported that registration opened last week. Currently, 238 are registered for the conference and 180 are registered for the barbecue.
- iii. Vicki Davis noted that district meeting sign-ups were part of the Annual Meeting registration. Some judicial officers registered for the conference but not a district meeting. A short description of the district meetings' purpose and importance will be added to the registration form to encourage maximum participation.

- b. **Winter Workshop:** Ashley Moise reported that the theme of the upcoming Winter Workshop will be artificial intelligence (AI). Suggested topics include knowing when to spot AI in documents; using unauthorized likenesses/images; using AI responsibly, and the general pros and cons therein.
5. **Wellness Subcommittee Update:** The focus of this subcommittee will be supporting the planning of wellness-related educational offerings for judicial officer conferences as well as community supervision and court personnel events. Membership will include one representative from the Education Committee; one from the Court Personnel Committee; one from the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP); a representative from the Probation Officer Advisory Board (POAB); and four or five additional judicial officers recommended by the Education Committee or JLAP. Judge Kimberly Bacon volunteered to serve as an Education Committee liaison to the Wellness Subcommittee.
6. **Master's Certificate Program Review:** Judge Penrod reported that those currently working on projects continue to progress.
7. **Other Items:** Judge Lund proposed an in-person planning session for the Education Committee the day before the Winter Workshop (date is tentative). This would provide an opportunity for the Committee to spend dedicated, productive time mapping out the next 12-18 months of judicial education. The Committee supports this idea.
8. **2023 Meeting dates**
- a. October 20
 - b. 2024 Dates TBA

Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, October 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kimberly J. Bacon; Hon. Heather L. Barajas; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Charnette D. Garner; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund (chair); Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. Hunter J. Reece; Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg; Hon. Leslie C. Shively; and Hon. Charles K. Todd

Staff Members Present: Vicki Davis; Ashley Moise; Amy Elson; Kristyn Hill; Mary Mitchell; Paige Newland; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge; and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order

- a. Judge Lund called the meeting to order.

2. July 2023 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review and Discussion

a. Annual Meeting 2023:

- i. Ashley Moise reported that attendees had positive feedback overall. Most loved the venue but some did not. Distance seemed to be the most common reason for dislike of the facility. The variety of topics was appreciated.
- ii. The Committee acknowledged that there are pros and cons to having three plenaries. To some, three is too many. For others, it is nice to have time to chat over breakfast in the plenary room and have a general update about the current initiatives, pilots, and other activities going on throughout the judiciary. However, it is also nice to have at least one national speaker offering broader topics.
- iii. Perhaps some wellness activities could be added to the afternoons; the last set of breakout sessions could focus on different aspects of wellness: physical, mental, collegial (having healthy workplace communication), etc.

4. Upcoming Programs

- a. **Domestic Relations (November 3):** Ashley Moise reported that The Domestic Relations Committee has been working hard on this program. A heavy focus will be the changes to child support guidelines.
- b. **Winter Workshop:** Ashley Moise reported that 73 are registered for the Winter Workshop on Artificial Intelligence. At least one more reminder will go out soon.

5. November 30th Education Committee Meeting: Ashley Moise reported that the November 30th planning meeting is confirmed. Amy Elson reviewed the proposed agenda which includes proposed macro- and micro-objectives. What are the big-picture goals of judicial education, and what specific skillsets need to be developed in the judiciary? What programming can be implemented to facilitate these objectives? Staff will send a survey to Committee members soon to capture some initial thoughts that will be fleshed out at the November 30th meeting.

6. Master's Certificate Program Review: Judge Penrod provided an overview of the history of the Master's Program. It was started as an opportunity to recognize Judicial College graduates' continued pursuit of judicial education and professional development. It seems prudent to rework the program to better define project parameters and set clearer expectations. Perhaps applicants could develop some sort of educational resource,

course, etc. as part of the program requirements. Further discussions will be had to determine whether a subcommittee is needed to rework the program.

7. 2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)

- a. January 19
- b. March 15
- c. May 17
- d. July 19
- e. October 18

Judge Felts moved to adjourn the meeting; Magistrate Flanigan seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland