

Judicial Education Committee Meeting
Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kimberly J. Bacon; Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Charnette D. Garner; Hon. A. Christopher Lee; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund (chair); Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. Bruce Parent; 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. October 2023 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review and Discussion

a. Winter Workshop 2023:

- i. Ashley Moise reported that 144 attended the Winter Workshop which explored AI and its impact on the judiciary. Many attendees reported that it was a timely topic and that they learned a lot; there were also many requests for more training, particularly on AI and evidence. The Committee members who attended enjoyed the program.

b. HEA 1006 Webinar:

- i. Amy Elson reported that this webinar was open to all justice stakeholders including healthcare workers, jail commanders, law enforcement, etc. The webinar, moderated by Justice Goff, explored the background of the new emergency detention statute as well as interpretation and best practices. The panel included representation from the judiciary, community mental health centers, law enforcement, and the legislature. Attendees appreciated the diverse perspectives. This topic will be expanded upon at the Spring Judicial College.

4. November 30th Education Committee Meeting Debrief and Action Items: Detailed notes and a summary of the November 30th meeting are included with this meeting's materials. The Committee likes the idea of convening annually in-person to continue these in-depth discussions. For convenience, the tentative plan is to transform the October meeting date into a two-day, in-person meeting.

5. Wellness Subcommittee Update:

- a. Judge Bacon reported that the Wellness Subcommittee desires to "engage, educate, empower, and enhance the mental and physical health of all justice-serving teams by promoting and implementing programs to decrease stress, increase productivity, and promote better morale."
- b. Ideas for incorporating wellness into conferences include: offering a moment of meditation and reflection to set the tone for plenary sessions; providing a relaxation room to ease overstimulation; and possibly utilizing calming apps or other resources to promote a healthy environment.
- c. Beyond conferences, another idea was to incorporate wellness tips and judicial officer "shout-outs" in the weekly bulletin. The shout-outs would recognize judicial officers' community engagement and contributions to the judiciary, which would hopefully inspire and encourage others towards increased engagement.

6. **Spring Judicial College (April 9-11):** Ashley Moise reviewed the draft agenda. Topics will include navigating guilty pleas and sentences; remote hearings; HEA 1006; judicial wellbeing; domestic violence; civil law; impaired driving; evidence; family law, small claims, and an experiential learning opportunity.
7. **Master's Certificate Program Review:** Judge Penrod requested that the Committee review this program and explore ways to revitalize it at the October education meeting.
8. **2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)**
 - a. March 15
 - b. May 17
 - c. July 19
 - d. October 18

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather Barajas; Hon. Brian Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Charnette Garner; Hon. Julie Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth Hurley; Hon. Bruce Parent; Hon. Marc Rothenberg (chair); and Hon. Leslie Shively

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Judge Rothenberg called the meeting to order.

2. January 2024 Minutes

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

3. Wellness Subcommittee Update:

- a. Amy Elson reported that the Subcommittee has finished drafting their mission and vision statements.
- b. The Subcommittee is excited for a soft launch at the upcoming Spring Judicial Conference. There will be a dedicated tranquility room to rest and relax between sessions. The Subcommittee is also interested in providing wellness tips through the Weekly Bulletin and further operationalizing wellbeing at future conferences.

4. Spring Judicial Conference (April 9-11):

Ashley Moise reported that 348 have registered so far. The primary hotel block is full; a second block opened at a nearby hotel. The Committee is encouraged to register for the conference if they haven't already.

5. Recent Legislation Webinars:

The tentative dates are June 20 and 21, both at noon Eastern time. Judge Felts requested faculty support from the Committee. Judge Rothenberg, Judge Barajas, Judge Hurley, and Magistrate Flanigan agreed to support, pending verification with their calendars.

6. Master's Certificate Program:

Judge Penrod proposed a review of both the Master's Certificate Program and the Judicial College Certificate Program to encourage more interest among the judiciary. Judge Penrod proposes a 3-4-person subcommittee to review the programs' nomenclature, requirements, advertising, and more. The subcommittee's results can be discussed at the in-person October meeting. The Committee supports this idea. Magistrate Flanigan, Judge Shively, and Judge Barajas volunteered to join the subcommittee which will be chaired by Judge Penrod.

7. Annual Meeting:

- a. Ashley Moise reviewed the outline of the Annual Meeting. The Committee is asked to consider the timing for a potential social event on Day 1 or Day 2. Due to the District Meetings, the Committee favors Day 2 at the Eiteljorg.
- b. Staff recommends that those staying at hotels request late checkout or checkout before the Friday morning sessions. Language of this nature can be added to conference materials well in advance. Staff are investigating options for luggage storage.

8. Court Reporter Training:

- a. Kristyn Hill reported that, in an effort to better meet the educational needs of court reporters, staff are adding court reporter networking in Zoom, developing new employee training, and introducing a yearly fall symposium for court reporters that will rotate between the north and south regions of the state.
- b. Staff are also conducting focus groups with court personnel to further assess needs.
- c. The Committee is asked to consider what training topics would be most helpful for court staff. Suggestions include: transcripts, updating the Protection Order Registry, and adding evidence in Odyssey. The Committee is encouraged to send any more suggestions to Kristyn and Mary.

9. Needs Assessment: Mary Mitchell explained that the IOCS Education Division wants to be more intentional about determining educational needs. Staff have crafted a survey that will be distributed via QR code at the upcoming district meetings. The Committee is encouraged to promote the survey among their colleagues. The survey will also be added to the CLE form for the Spring Judicial Conference.

10. 2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)

- a. May 17
- b. July 19
- c. October 18 (in person)

Judge Parent moved to end the meeting; Judge Barajas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kimberly Bacon; Hon. Heather Barajas; Hon. Julie Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Charnette Garner; Hon. Christopher Goff, Indiana Supreme Court; Hon. Elizabeth Hurley; Hon. Bruce Parent; Hon. Hunter Reece; Hon. Marc Rothenberg (chair); and Hon. Leslie Shively

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Judge Rothenberg called the meeting to order.

2. March 2024 Minutes

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

3. Past Program Review

- a. Spring Judicial College:
 - i. Ashley Moise reported that there were 402 attendees which is approximately a 14% increase from last year. Overall, reviews and comments were positive. Attendees appreciated the diversity of topics and presenters. Thank you to Committee members who served as faculty.
 - ii. A highlight of the conference was the experiential learning opportunity which was highly reviewed.
 - iii. Attendees also appreciated the networking opportunities available.
 - iv. The wellness room received some mixed reviews; the Wellness Subcommittee is committed to refining wellness activities and opportunities at future events.
 - v. Some areas of dissatisfaction included the lack of plenary sessions (most Spring conferences do not have plenaries), the high cost of parking, the distance between the hotels and the conference venue, the length of sessions, and the strong emphasis on theming.
 - vi. The Committee acknowledges that it is difficult to please everyone all the time but is willing to make adjustments as necessary. The Committee is particularly interested in shortening the Spring sessions.

4. Annual Meeting

- a. Breakout Sessions: there are 11 empty slots; Amy Elson reviewed a list of session topics to possibly fit into those slots. These topics came from discussions at the in-person Education Committee meeting last fall; recommendations from the Legal Support Team at IOCS; and a recent meeting between Education staff and Chief Justice Rush:
 - i. SRLs with a procedural fairness/due process emphasis – supported by Chief Justice Rush and the Committee
 - ii. Mental Health/Pharmacology: the Committee recommends including pharmacology as part of a larger discussion on EDOs/relevant recent legislation
 - iii. Weighted Caseload – the Committee supports this based on the recommendation from the Judicial Administration Committee
 - iv. Cleaning Slates/Procedures After Judgement/Conviction – the Committee would like to include PCRs
 - v. One larger “best practices” session to combine several topics:
 1. Criminal law best practices: Inmate litigation, alternate misdemeanor sentencing statutes, etc.
 2. Jury trials – also include for New Judge Orientation

3. High profile cases/cameras in the courtroom – include both criminal and civil jurisdiction and logistical setup recommendations
 - vi. New judge topics for seasoned judges – frame as “best practices”
 - vii. BMV/Title Issues/CDL – recommended by Justice Goff
 - viii. Elections – the Committee would like to focus more on election litigation rather than ethics
 - ix. Technology – perhaps save this for the Winter Workshop
 - x. Judicial Administration/time management – perhaps best for new judges
 - xi. Family topics – compare with the Joint Juvenile and Family Court Conference topics to minimize repetition
5. 2025 Spring Judicial College (April 15-17): Ashley Moise reported that due to space constraints with the Convention Center, the tentative plan is to combine the Spring Judicial Conference and the Justice Services Conference in 2025.
6. Master’s Certificate Program Subcommittee: Judge Penrod summarized the report created by Education staff: there have been almost 800 Judicial College graduates, 294 Graduate Program graduates, and eight Master’ Certificate graduates since 1979. The Subcommittee will have some recommendations for the Education Committee at the October meeting regarding publicity, restructuring, and more.
7. Wellness Subcommittee: Judge Bacon acknowledged the mixed reviews on the tranquility room at the Spring Judicial Conference. The Subcommittee understands that before acceptance, there is likely to be resistance. Other wellness aspects including the themed lunch tables and standing tables in the back of the breakout rooms were well-received. The Subcommittee takes all of this in stride and looks forward to coming up with more and different ways to deliver wellness education and opportunities to judges.
8. **2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)**
 - a. July 19
 - b. October 18 (in person)
9. Judge Parent moved to adjourn; Judge Rothenberg seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, July 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Heather Barajas; Hon. Brian Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Julie Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Carolyn Foley, Magistrate; Hon. Lisa Glickfield; Hon. Christopher Goff, Indiana Supreme Court; Hon. Elizabeth Hurley; Hon. Christopher Lee; Hon. Bruce Parent; Hon. Hunter Reece; and Hon. Marc Rothenberg (chair)

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome

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

2. May 2024 Minutes

- a. Judge Parent moved to approve the May minutes; Justice Goff seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the May Minutes.

3. Past Program Review

- i. Joint Juvenile and Family Court Conference: Amy Elson reported that there were 175 attendees across three days of programming. Evaluations showed overall positive reviews of content – highlights included the Grants update and presentation on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana; Neurodivergence; Wellbeing; the Hague Convention; and Family Law Tools. The new venue was well-liked.
- ii. Domestic relations component: The Committee discussed whether to move the Domestic Relations one-day conference from every other year in November to every year in conjunction with the Juvenile Annual meeting. The Committee members who attended the Juvenile Annual meeting expressed interest in permanently combining the two programs to consolidate travel. Perhaps the conference could be moved to Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday to avoid weekend traffic.
- iii. Recent Legislation webinars: Ashley Moise reported that 48 attended the Civil, Family, and Juvenile webinar and 49 attended the Judicial Administration, Criminal, and Probate webinar. Thank you to the Committee members who served as planners and faculty: Senior Judge Felts, Judge Rothenberg, Judge Barajas, Magistrate Flanigan, and Judge Hurley. The recordings are available on the Indiana Judicial Branch Education Network.

4. Annual Meeting:

- a. Ashley Moise reported that registration will open next week. There will be four hotel options. The plenaries, in order, will be an inspirational presentation by Father Greg Boyle; a personal security presentation by James Hamilton; and an ethics presentation with faculty to be finalized.
- b. In addition to the standard law updates, there will be sessions on criminal law best practices and civil law best practices.
- c. There will be an evening reception at the Eiteljorg with transportation provided.

5. Winter Workshop:

- a. Amy Elson reported that the Winter Workshop will take place on December 13th. On advice from Chief Justice Rush, the topic will be guardianship. Suggested sessions include guardianship requirements and procedures; voluntary adult guardianship appointments under VASIA; supported decision-making; the intersection of guardianship and domestic violence; and the intersection of guardianship and powers of

attorney. The Education team proposes expanding this topic to include vulnerable populations at large and bring in aspects of mental health for Hoosiers.

- b. The Committee supports the idea of expanding the topic to include mental and behavioral health and would like to include Brittany Kelly, State Court Behavioral Health Administrator, in the content development.
- c. Another content suggestion from the Committee is the interplay of third-party custody and guardianship.

6. 2025 Spring Judicial Conference (April 15-17):

- a. Ashley Moise reported that due to space constraints of the venue, the Spring Judicial Conference and the Justice Services Conference will be held at the same time but on different floors. The only official overlap will occur on day two with a joint plenary.
- b. The Committee favors an inspirational speaker with some humor for the joint plenary.

7. Master's Certificate Program Subcommittee: Senior Judge Penrod reported that the Subcommittee has been working on a set of recommendations to present to the Committee at the in-person October meeting. The goal is to underscore the importance of continuing judicial education for the entire judicial population of Indiana.

8. New Judicial Officer Orientation:

- a. The Committee believes that the topics of sovereign citizens and First Amendment auditors are still relevant to include for the orientation program.
- b. The Committee is also asked to consider either themselves or others they know to be included on a panel addressing the impact of the judicial office on the family. Recommendations can be made to Ashley and Vicki.
- c. The Committee is encouraged to be as involved as possible in the New Judicial Officer Orientation program to support new judicial officers and build connections.

9. 2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)

- a. October 17-18 (in person)

10. Judge Parent moved to adjourn; Judge Lee seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland