Agenda
Judicial Education Committee Meeting
Friday, January 27, 2017
Conference Room 804

1. Members Present: Amy Barbar (via phone), Vicki Carmichael, Marla Clark, Kurt Eisgruber, Tom Felts (chair), Andre Gammage, Michael Kramer (via phone), Bradley Mohler, Margret Robb, Mark Smith, Lucky Reddy (via phone), Michael Shurn, Jay Toney, Mary Willis; Staff present: Vicki Davis, Barbara Harcourt (via phone), Julie McDonald, Kim Spindler, Jill Acklin.

2. The members approved the minutes from the October 2016 meeting.

3. The chair expressed appreciation to the IOCS staff for their work at the conferences since the last meeting.

4. Evaluation and Review of Conferences
   a. December 2016 Workshops/Webcast
      i. Small group (16 in attendance of 20 newly elected). Very good program for a 1-day event. Evaluations seemed positive. Trial court technology added an Odyssey/INCite Program on 12/2. Judge Robb asked if someone who put “3’s” consistently expressed any comments during the course. Evaluations are not anonymous, but as a matter of course, the staff does not look unless the comment needs to a response or is particularly out of line.
   b. January Orientation
      i. Vicki Davis said Jury Rules needed more time. Julie McDonald said Court Staff could have less time and Vicki Davis agreed. Vicki suggested Court Staff could go to Spring. Vicki proposed Court Staff could go to a distance platform. Vicki commented that Wednesday was a criminal docket day, and Judges Carmichael and Adams did a great job. Judge Felts suggested that perhaps the committee needs to think about going to a 10-day orientation. Vicki commented that we should add a session on the Interstate Compact for Adults. (It is coming in February.) Judge Smith asked if the “State of the Judiciary” will always fall during an orientation week. Committee discussed moving to the fourth week of January to avoid the scheduling conflict with the State of the Judiciary.
      ii. Logistics were great. IJA Hospitality was “a little tough” according to Judge Felts. Vicki pointed out that this group is missing out on the bonding because they do not have evening events. This venue does not have large suites for hospitality groups. Judge Gammage commented that people got into groups of people that they knew. Julie suggested perhaps a different venue. Judge Robb asked about the Marriott at Keystone at the Crossing. Marriott downtown and at Keystone
at the Crossing have not been responsive to inquiries, but are possible alternatives. The committee noted that parking is a challenge (and expensive) downtown. The committee wanted to look at other options for venue. The committee also pointed out that having the program downtown also allows IOCS staff to stop in and introduce themselves and their role. The committee discussed scheduling an event for the participants to mingle and socialize in the future.

ii. Vicki commented that she did not notice a lot of note-taking. The conferees were told to print their own materials (or view them online). Vicki wondered if by not handing out paper copies, we were discouraging note-taking. Nobody complained that they didn’t have materials.

iii. Evidence Workshop – Vicki noted that just under 200 people attended, which was less than Vicki anticipated. Vicki thought it went very well. There was a mix of presentation styles. The committee liked internet responder voting that was used. Vicki noted that there are “a lot of moving parts.” Judge Felts asked if Judge Hughes is used too frequently for evidence and people are coming less because they feel like they have heard him before. Judge Felts commented that there should be an evidence offering at least annually. Judge Smith suggested an annual update in evidence like we do for criminal and family. Judge Toney said evidence is the most important topic that judges consider. Judge Robb suggested working evidence into the family law track. The committee discussed calling on people at conferences and Vicki suggested that we plant/suggest people to call on if the conversation is slow/quiet.

iv. The venue was well-received by the new judges.

c. Update on February Orientation

i. There is a new bench skills component which will be a great addition.

5. Spring Schedule

a. Vicki said that Spring Judicial College was moved to May because of space.

b. Kim Spindler suggested that Dealing with Abusive Litigants was suggested to be moved into the Fall. Vicki commented that there is a 2-part SRL program in September. Kim and Vicki said that they will discuss with Judge Dowling. Vicki asked for ideas to replace Dealing with Abusive Litigants. Judge Smith suggested that Heroin could be a time block on his own. Judge Robb suggested Cooking with Rodney (movie about how to make meth). Vicki suggested moving Heroin to Wednesday afternoon and moving Summary Judgment to Friday. Criminal Rule 26 will be heavily focused-on in September. Judge Felts suggested leaving the schedule as-is, and the committee agreed.
6. Recent Legislation
   a. This will be done by distance education, according to Julie McDonald and Judge Felts. The idea is to analyze the new laws and apply them to what happens in the courtroom. Julie said there are ways to make sure that the attendee is paying attention and attending. Julie also noted that people can watch the parts that apply to their jurisdiction. Vicki noted that it will be a quick turnaround because the legislative session adjourns in April and we are aiming for mid-May and June. The probation officer annual meeting will get a presentation on criminal and juvenile legislation, which will also be used for our distance education.

7. CIP/Juvenile Judges Annual Meeting
   a. This will be held at the end of May this year. There is another team working on the CIP conference (juvenile justice improvement committee and juvenile benchbook committee). CIP is expecting 800+ people. The Juvenile Judges Meeting will be held at the Hyatt.

8. September Annual Meeting (Brainstorming Session Ideas)
   a. Vicki said that the Chief Justice has asked us to weave through Criminal and Civil Justice reform. Vicki said that means court costs and fines, the collections of which then become a civil matter and people are landing in jail because of it. Judge Felts pointed out that Judge Kramer attended a conference with him in 2015 on the topic.
   b. Wednesday’s opening session speaker Bryan Stevenson has not responded to the invitation to speak. Vicki asked for other suggestions for a speaker. Judge Robb suggested Michael Sandel from Harvard.
   c. The committee discussed whether to run criminal/civil/juvenile concurrent sessions separately or whether to run one large session that discusses all three. Judge Carmichael suggested one 90-minute session covering criminal/civil/juvenile fines and fees. Mary Willis said that hopefully people want to attend the reform sessions. Judge Smith suggested tying ethics credit to these sessions.
   d. The committee briefly discussed what mandatory means for the fall conference.
   e. Judge Kramer suggested an update on commercial courts (can judges transfer cases to them?); Julie said that there will be a commercial component in the Spring. Judge Felts suggested Judge Welch.
   f. Judge Felts reported that CJ Rush suggested a session on grant money.
   g. Judge Shurn discussed/recommended the colors session on working styles. Judge Shurn said JDAI has people who teach that. Julie said that we have people in probation teach it as well.
   h. Julie said that we have people who discuss and can start conversations about race relations.
   i. Other suggestions from committee members included: Long-arm jurisdiction/choice of law; comity; restraining orders/injunctions; pleading requirements; case management; docket control; how to
interview/evaluate prospective employees; separation of powers (county employee vs. court employees, county manual vs. court manuals); courts becoming too involved with community corrections; hiring/firing/employee discipline; and social media and employment.

j Jack Ford will be speaking on Thursday. Judge Robb discussed his session and break-out.

k Vicki asked Judge Felts about Allen County Bar Association’s hosting a reception on Thursday. Judge Felts responded that he would be very surprised if they did not.

9. Domestic Relations/Winter Program

a. DR conference is held every other year. This time it will be held on November 17, 2017. Kim said that some ideas for the conference include parenting coordinators and/or ADR options. Kim also suggested evidence and in camera interviewing based upon the committee’s discussions today. Vicki said in 2015, the DR conference focused on changes in the child support guidelines.

b. Vicki asked the committee members to be thinking of a good one-day topic for the winter program. It will be December 1, 2017, in Carmel. Judge Toney asked if there would ever be a two-track program at the winter conference. Vicki said we could do separate morning/afternoon sessions. Judge Felts said one is ideal.

10. Distance Education Initiatives

a. Julie McDonald reported that in IOCS/OJA there is quite a need for distance education. There is a group that discusses distance learning management. This is less of a need for our group and more of a need for other groups (probation officers).

11. 2017 Meetings at 1pm at 30 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana:

a. March 24
b. May 19
c. October 13

12. The chair adjourned the meeting.
Minutes
Judicial Education Committee Meeting
Friday, March 24, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
30 South Meridian St., Room 804, Indianapolis

Committee Members Present: Stephen Bowers, Marla Clark, Kurt Eisgruber, William Fee (via phone), Thomas Felts (Chair), Bradley Mohler, Michael Shurn, Jay Toney, Mary Willis
Staff Present: Jill Acklin, Julie McDonald, Kim Spindler

1. The meeting was called to order by Judge Felts (Chair).
2. The minutes from the January 27, 2017, meeting were approved.
3. The Spring Judicial College schedule was discussed. Preparations are well underway, and 326 conferees are registered to attend.
4. The February New Judge Orientation Program was discussed. One conferee mentioned that judges need to know how to do things, not particular areas of law. Judge Felts noted that the lowest score was Court Statistics. Julie McDonald noted that the programs were excellent and that the leaders in the field teach the courses.
5. Whether the “bench skills program” offered at February’s New Judge Orientation Program should be expanded was discussed. Judge Felts explained the “bench skills program” to the committee. Judge Bowers mentioned that there is always a wide variety of the experience level of the judges coming in and a benefit of the exercise is to branch out and practice in new areas of law. Some of the new judges at the February Orientation asked for a weekend program of bench skills and/or asked for bench skills to be offered more often and to established judges. Judge Mohler asked if other judges could join in on the pre-bench orientation session. Julie McDonald said it is possible to add more faculty to be able to accommodate that. Judge Mohler pointed out that it was interesting that the response was so positive because the response to being called upon during CJE sessions is generally uniformly negative. Judge Bowers pointed out that most people don’t like to look foolish in front of other people, so the groups need to be small and that it will need to be emphasized that they are participating in their own education. Judge Bowers said that the people who most need to do the bench skills program might not have the self-recognition that they need to do it. Julie McDonald said that the focus is really on what the participant is doing well and that each participant is given one point for improvement. Judge Felts suggested a survey or a needs assessment to explore the possibility of expanding the bench skills program. Judge Willis suggested a question on the evaluation for the Spring Conference.
6. The tentative schedule for the September Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference of Indiana was discussed. Judge Willis reported that the discussion on justice reform is a marathon and not a sprint. Judges will be introduced to the topic in the spring and given more information in September. Judge Felts reported that on Thursday evening the Allen County Bar Association will be sponsoring a reception and that the Association had some follow-up questions which have been
forwarded to Vicki Davis. Judge Felts solicited feedback from the committee on
the September schedule. Judge Eisgruber pointed out that high profile media
cases might attract such a large crowd as to diminish the capacity at the events
offered concurrently. Judge Bowers suggested that the “Soldiers and Sailors Relief
Act” could be expanded into broader veterans and veterans’ court issues.

7. The Judicial College and Masters Certificate Program was discussed. The Judicial
College Program was created before mandatory CLE, but it has continued on. In
the past, each session attended has been tracked for each individual. The
consensus was that the judges care about the Judicial College and completion but
do not care about the transcript on a course-by-course basis. Julie McDonald
explained that the question came up because the programmer questioned
whether the Indiana Office of Court Services needs to be tracking every single
course for each judge. Judge Shurn said it might be helpful to have a transcript to
go back and know which course materials to refer to. He also pointed out that if
the materials are printed out, the individual has his/her own “transcript,”
however. Some people use the transcript to list which courses they attended if
they are applying for the appellate courts. Judge Eisgruber pointed out that it
seems to be a vestige of a prior era. Judge Eisgruber suggested a new program
with new criteria or re-vamping the current program. Julie McDonald said that
CLE and the Judicial College almost entirely overlap except for the requirement of
having to attend the entire program. Julie McDonald said that the Judicial College
could be an opportunity for people to learn more than is required by CLE. Judge
Felts suggested letting go of the requirement that you attend the entire course.
Judge Bowers suggested putting the onus on the judges to report any course that
he/she didn’t complete. Judge Toney suggested additional requirements for the
program (such as a bench skills program). Julie McDonald and Judge Felts pointed
out that there are additional requirements for the Judicial Masters Program. Judge
Felts pointed out that if the program is changed, the new judges may say that it is
not fair to make it more difficult now. Judge Felts called for a vote about getting
rid of the requirement of attending the class in its entirety and the vote was 8-1.

8. The topic for December’s winter program was discussed. Julie McDonald
suggested community involvement and community relations as a topic. The
program might include media relations as part of the topic as well. Judge Felts
said that a similar discussion was held in the Strategic Planning Committee
meeting. Judge Shurn said that he agrees that there are lots of questions out there
in the community. The race and gender fairness committee are holding forums
throughout the state. Judge Felts said that town hall meetings sounded scary
because it could turn negative. Judge Willis said that perhaps a discussion could
focus on the results of the race and gender fairness committee results
(disproportionate arrests/stops, racial profiling, etc.). Judge Felts also suggested
statistics by race on the pilot program for Criminal Rule 26. Judge Willis said that
the judges would be interested in the results of the race and gender committee
studies because the last one was done in 2002 and by December, the results will
be in for this year.

9. An update on the distance learning program was given by Julie McDonald. Judge
Felts reported that we have decided to do this with new legislation. Julie
McDonald reported that it would be presented in the late summer. It will probably be a live webinar that will be recorded for later watching. Julie McDonald reported that we are discussing how to obtain CLE for the session with the ACE office.

a. Judge Felts reported that Judge Marianne Vorhees has an Administrative Rule 9 PowerPoint that anyone is welcome to use if necessary.

10. Faculty recruitment, development and retention was discussed. Julie McDonald said that this is an ongoing topic. She said that retention can become an issue if the Office of Court Services overuses the presenter. Judge Bowers pointed out that if the faculty for the New Judge Orientation make a list of potential faculty. Judge Felts said that everyone should keep an eye out for good potential faculty.

11. Other

a. Julie McDonald asked if the committee was open to a needs assessment. She asked if judges are open to knowing whether judges are open to what lawyers think that judges need to know. Judge Felts suggested asking Judge Mark Stoner and the Indiana State Bar committee. Judge Bowers said that he was in favor of the survey because the feedback would be instructional and informative. Judge Felts reported that Judge John Baker wants to develop a statewide judicial evaluation.

b. Julie McDonald asked if outlines would be helpful for courses. The committee agreed that they were a good idea.

c. Judge Bowers explained that there was a juvenile summit in Elkhart County with a judge from Clayton County, Georgia, Judge Steven Teske. Judge Bowers suggested him for a future conference.

12. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017.
Minutes
Judicial Education Committee Meeting
Friday, May 19, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference

Committee Members Present: Amy Barbar, Stephen Bowers, Marla Clark, Kimberly Dowling, Kurt Eisgruber, William Fee, Thomas Felts (Chair), Earl Penrod, Lakshmi Reddy, Margret Robb, Michael Shurn, Mark Smith, Jay Toney, Mary Willis
Staff Present: Jill Acklin, Vicki Davis, Julie McDonald

13. The meeting was called to order by Judge Felts (Chair).
14. The minutes from the March 24, 2017, meeting were approved.
15. The Spring Judicial College evaluations were discussed. Julie McDonald reported that it went well and solicited feedback from the committee. Judge Smith said that he went to the Trauma session and thought that Dr. Thompson was outstanding. He said that she was very well-informed and helpful to those who do not frequently deal with juveniles and juvenile trauma. Judge Smith also pointed out that it was helpful to learn and understand that adverse childhood experiences influence an individual in adulthood as well. Judge Fee agreed with Judge Smith. Judge Fee also liked Loretta Oleksy’s presentation on vicarious trauma. Judge Robb asked if the Trauma presentation was similar to a video called, “Zero to Three.” Judge Robb suggested putting that video on the web for the judges to watch. The video deals with abuse and trauma between the ages of zero and three. There is also a website for “Zero to Three.”
   a. Julie McDonald asked what could be improved. One committee member said the hotel could be improved.
   b. Vicki Davis said that the evaluations for the “Appearance of Impropriety” were very good and wondered if we should ask Senior Judge Boklund to do a presentation “after hours” in September, perhaps on Wednesday night. Judge Shurn likes this idea and appreciates how Senior Judge Boklund ties history into the law. Vicki Davis said that there is space available at the convention center if a program were to be offered. Judge Shurn suggested that perhaps a different program offered by Senior Judge Boklund could work for Wednesday evening as well.
16. The Recent Legislation webinars were discussed. The Wednesday Weekly email on May 17, 2017, informed the judges about the upcoming webinars and availability for replays. The live webinar programs will be held June 21, 22, 23. They will be recorded for replay. CLE/CJE credit will be available for the live credit and the replay. The committee members saw the announcement in the Wednesday Weekly. Vicki Davis suggested that this appear in the next few Wednesday Weekly editions. Judge Willis agreed that this was a good idea.
17. The September Annual Meeting was discussed. It is scheduled for September 13-15, 2017 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
   a. There will not be a SRL session part 2 at 2:45 on Thursday. One idea to replace this session is an overview of programs used in various counties, such as the
courthouse therapy dog program used by GAL/CASA in Delaware County. Vicki Davis also suggested a presentation by Senior Judge Boklund could fill this time spot.

b. The rest of the schedule is nearly final according to Vicki Davis and Julie McDonald.

c. Judge Bowers asked how many possible ethics hours are available. Julie McDonald reviewed which sessions might have ethics credit attached. Vicki Davis said that some sessions might have partial ethics credit. Vicki Davis also pointed out that if the December Program is about Race and Gender the whole December program. Judge Bowers asked if Adrienne Meiring would do an “Ethics in Review.” Vicki Davis reported that that is not planned, but could possibly be incorporated. On Friday morning, one idea is that the two newest Justices could do a presentation together as a Plenary in order to let the trial judges get to know the two newest Justices.

d. Julie McDonald reported that new faculty are being trained and working with experienced faculty during September sessions.

18. The City and Town Conference will be held on October 19 and 20, 2017, in Carmel, Indiana.

a. Julie McDonald reported that there will be a Due Process session in response to research calls received by the Indiana Office of Court Services. This session will be a roundtable approach with a former city and town court judge at each table to lead the discussion. The committee approved.

b. Judge Felts asked how many judges attend every year. Vicki Davis said that 55-60 generally attend.

c. Julie McDonald is still looking for faculty for the other sessions. She reported that the faculty is often from the trial bench. Judge Willis mentioned that not all of the city and town court judges are law-trained.

d. Judge Felts asked if an experienced faculty member could present or if a new faculty member could present. Vicki Davis suggested that a more experienced faculty member present to the city and town court judges. She said that the city and town court judges can be difficult to engage as a group.

19. The Judicial College credit discussion continued and Julie McDonald summarized the discussion from the March 2017 meeting. Judge Felts asked if everyone had had a chance to present his/her opinion. Judge Felts noted that at the last meeting the idea of attending the class in its entirety was to be eliminated. The committee agreed. Judge Felts called for comments regarding changes to the Judicial College. Julie McDonald said that changes should go to the Board of Directors with the problem and the solution. Judge Felts suggested going to the Board of Directors with the proposal to eliminate the requirement of attending class in its entirety and the transcript. Regarding the Masters Program, Vicki Davis said that 10-11 Masters certificates have been given out over the last 10 years. She said that there is one proposal sitting out there where the work has not started. She said that the Judicial College is just about the number of hours attended. Judge Bowers said that he is in favor of making it easier for staff and that the Masters Program should be promoted more intentionally. Judge Felts wondered if new judges were aware
of the requirements. Vicki Davis suggested a Wednesday Weekly about the Masters Program might be effective.

20. Vicki Davis reported that the December program would focus on the Race and Gender Commission Forums. Julie McDonald reached out to the Race and Gender Commission and has not received a response. Judge Felts suggested implicit bias as a starting point. Vicki Davis said that the staff might need to brainstorm more. Judge Dowling asked if we could include the implicit bias and fairness session that was included in the New Judge Orientation. Judge Smith suggested the speaker from the French Lick Conference about racism. Julie McDonald can get in touch with him. Judge Willis said that Child Advocacy has done a documentary on undoing racism. Vicki Davis will follow up. Judge Smith said that the pre-trial pilot counties have received studies on the length of incarceration and effect on a person's life long-term. Judge Reddy said that someone spoke to the Race and Gender Commission from Chicago and to follow up with former Justice Selby, who might remember the name of the speaker.

21. New Business/Other:
   a. Judge Willis asked if there would be a contempt session during the City and Town Court Conference. Julie McDonald said that that session is done every other year, generally, and that it was done last year. Judge Willis thinks that City and Town Court Judges could really benefit from it. Judge Smith said that he has a presentation on contempt for the new city and town court judges. Judge Bowers said that he would be open to doing the contempt presentation with Judge Smith.

22. The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017.
Committee Members Present: Hon. Kelly Benjamin; Hon. Stephen Bowers (via phone); Hon. Vicki Carmichael; Hon. Marla Clark (via phone); Hon. Kimberly Dowling; Hon. Kurt Eisgruber; Hon. William Fee (via phone); Hon. Thomas Felts (Chair; via phone); Hon. Andre Gammage (via phone); Hon. Bradley Mohler; Hon. Michael Shurn; Hon. Mark Smith; Hon. Mary Willis
Staff Present: Jill Acklin; Scarlett Brooks; Vicki Davis; Julie McDonald; Hon. Earl Penrod (via phone); Kim Spindler
Visitors Present: Senior Judge David Shaheed; Austin Stewart, Office of Judicial Administration.

1. The meeting was called to order by Judge Dowling.
2. The minutes from the May 19, 2017, meeting were approved.
3. The Judicial Education Committee was discussed.
   a. New committee members, Hon. Timothy Oakes and Hon. Kelly Benjamin, were welcomed.
   b. The role of the Committee was discussed. Judge Dowling explained that the role is to help the staff brainstorm and plan the conferences that take place throughout the year. Vicki Davis explained the variety of conferences as follows. First, there is a two-week general jurisdiction orientation program for newly-elected judges in January and February every other year. Second, there is a Spring Judicial College every year. In 2018, it will be held in South

4. Senior Judge David Shaheed discussed upcoming proposed rule changes to the Rules for Admission and Discipline. Senior Judge Shaheed has been affiliated and working with the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP). To that end, he presented a rule change to the committee. This rule change, Resolution 106, has been a joint effort with the ABA and Coalition on Lawyers Assistance Program ("CoLAP"). There are 3 provisions in Resolution 106: (1) one credit hour over a three-year period be added in the area of substance abuse and mental health; (2) one credit hour over a three-year period be added in the area of diversity and inclusion; and (3) one credit hour in ethics and professionalism be required per year. One other part of the resolution addresses accumulating credits via distance learning. Senior Judge Shaheed pointed out that there is some resistance to that part of the resolution, but there are also issues with engagement during live, in-person trainings with attention. These are the primary changes proposed by Resolution 106 which would impact the Indiana Office of Court Services staff and programming. Terry Harrell will make contact with the CLE Commission about Resolution 106. Senior Judge Shaheed and Ms. Harrell feel very good about the substance abuse/mental health, and the diversity and inclusion aspects. Judge Dowling expressed excitement and also pointed out that nothing prevents us from offering such programming and courses that comply with the resolution now.
The evaluations from the September Annual Meeting, which was held September 13-15, 2017 in Fort Wayne, Indiana were discussed. Vicki Davis said that overall she was very happy with the conference and the content. Vicki Davis explained that the Wednesday programs were challenging and designed to be that way. The Supreme Court had asked the Indiana Office of Court Services to theme the day, and overall it was very well-received. Judge Felts said that he had a conversation with Judge Willis and Chief Justice Rush and that Chief Justice Rush reported being pleased with the “energy” with the discussions at the conference. Judge Felts commented that Indiana judges like Indiana judges presenting. He posited that that is something to consider going forward. Judge Felts pointed out that on the civil justice side, there is now a charge of where to go from here. Judge Felts expressed that the staff did an outstanding job. Judge Bowers said that Mr. Pepin was not particularly impressive. Judge Bowers said that the Indiana judges were much better presenters than the national presenters. He commented that it might not hurt to reinforce our adult education philosophy to outside presenters. Judge Mohler asked if outside sessions mean, “this is what we are going to” or “this is information from out of state?” Mr. Pepin didn’t answer the ultimate question as to how to collect fees. Judge Mohler expressed that judges need to know that. Judge Smith said that in working with Mr. Pepin, it was hard to get materials from him. Judge Smith said it is a challenge to work with people from out of state who are unknown. Judge Smith said that in the breakout session with Mr. Pepin, perhaps the title could have been reworked. Judge Smith said that in the breakout session with Mr. Pepin, they were trying to identify red flags for collection issues and that Judge Smith was trying to be upfront that he didn’t have solutions per se. Judge Dowling said that it is difficult to do course titles and descriptions when relying on someone else, especially from out of state. Vicki Davis said that there were complaints on the titles on “Collection of Financial Obligations” and “Law and Pop Literature.” The complaints were that the titles were not what they got when they got into the session. Judge Willis said that the judges want to hear practical tips from other judges. For national speakers, we pay money, and we should have bang for our buck. We try to maximize the national speakers’ time when we are paying them because we try to include them in a panel, instead of just having them speak for 20 minutes for, for example, $3500. Judge Carmichael reiterated the question about the way that national speakers’ messages are to be interpreted by Indiana judges. Judge Willis said that she thinks that reform is of interest to the Indiana Supreme Court, so they try to bring in what other states are doing. The idea is there is a theme. Judge Willis pointed out that learning by repetition is not always a bad thing. Vicki Davis pointed out that we should have had someone say that we are trying to raise consciousness and awareness. Judge Mohler said that he went to the Domestic Violence Awareness seminar with two out of state panelists and it was exceptional, so he did not want to say that as a general rule, out of state presenters are bad. Julie McDonald said that we send the external faculty the same information that we send the Indiana judicial faculty. Judge Smith asked from a practical standpoint as to whether we evaluate the presentation beforehand to make sure that it meets the learning objectives and title.
6. A status update on the distance education initiative was given by Julie McDonald. We have purchased a Learning Management System (LMS) to organize programming. Scarlett Brooks is working to stand up the LMS environment with Sum Total and translate in person programming to a distance format. We are translating ones that existed for other parts of the Indiana Office of Court Services. We are also working to provide new additional programming for judicial officers. Vicki Davis asked how many did the Recent Legislation Webinars. No committee members did them. The one-hour webinars were produced in conjunction with the National Center for State Courts (“NCSC”). The recorded webcast complies with the CLE requirements. We will also be doing modules that are self-paced. We are not looking to replace in-person education. Scarlett Brooks noted that offering online programming is standard across all industries. Judge Shurn asked if this was similar to the NCSC modules available now. Julie McDonald explained that it was.

7. A status update on the City and Town Court Program was given by Vicki Davis. The City and Town Conference will be held on October 19 and 20, 2017, in Carmel, Indiana. There is a session on due process, statistics, technology updates, collection on fines/fees/costs, and civility and courtroom control. The majority of City and Town Court judges are law-trained now. This program has been a two-day event since 2007, according to Vicki Davis.

8. A status update on the Domestic Relations Workshop was given by Kim Spindler. There was a draft schedule circulated. In the morning, Bill Eddy will be speaking on high-conflict litigants and mental health issues that drive their behaviors. Dr. Bart Ferraro will be discussing psychological and custody evaluations; alternative dispute resolution will be discussed; and the electronic parenting time calendar will be discussed at the end. Vicki Davis said that 36 people are registered. There will be an email reminder forthcoming. The Indiana Office of Court Services and the Office of Judicial Administration are transitioning to Wednesday Weekly for registration program announcements. Beginning in the Spring of next year, the Wednesday Weekly will be the only way that announcements to register for events will occur.

9. A status update on the Senior Judge Workshop was given by Jill Acklin. The Senior Judge Workshop will be held here at 30 South Meridian on the eighth floor on November 2 and 3, 2017. So far, there are 36 senior judges signed up to attend. The topics to be covered are: Civil Law Update, New Rules and Rule Amendments, JLAP, Family Law Update, Criminal Law Update, Senior Judge Basics, Civility and Contempt, Evidence (Hearsay), and Juvenile Delinquency/TPR/CHINS. The Update, New Rules, and Civility and Contempt sessions will be repeats of the Annual Meeting. The senior judges were informed before the Annual Meeting that the Updates would be repeated at the Senior Judge Workshop, so it allowed them to select other sessions to attend during the Annual Meeting. Also, it allows the Senior Judges who do not or cannot attend the September Annual Meeting to receive the same programming and the benefit of those sessions.
10. A status update on the Winter Workshop was given by Julie McDonald. We are doing a program on race. We are bringing in a national expert—Adam Foss, a former prosecutor. We are also having Dr. Rasul Mowatt, a panel of Indiana trial judges, faculty from the Race and Gender Commission, and the individuals from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. All of the faculty have been identified. The registration information will be in next week’s Wednesday Weekly.

11. Topics for the Spring Judicial College were discussed. Vicki Davis asked for brainstorming. Vicki Davis said that the Special Courts Committee asked for small claims issues. There have also been suggestions on family law court issues. We cancelled a session in September on the Interstate Compact because very few signed up. Vicki Davis said that judges need to hear it, but they will not go voluntarily depending on what is run against it. Vicki Davis suggested EBDM, pretrial release, Odyssey, AR9, E-reading for E-writing judges, local programs, and human trafficking. Vicki Davis said that there were a number of comments that the Updates need more than 90 minutes. Vicki Davis asked if they should be transferred to the Spring where there is greater time, whether they should be given longer time in September, or whether the Updates should cover half of the year, with an update in the spring and an update in the fall. Judges Dowling, Felts, and Carmichael will teach on mindfulness. The NJC leadership program participants, Judges Benjamin and Smith, will focus on pretrial. In the Spring, we try to have a diverse program or “tracks” with civil, criminal, and family. Vicki Davis said that we will probably have four concurrent sessions on Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday, we will probably have three. Judge Benjamin suggested military/public pensions/QDROs in divorce cases. Judge Dowling said that EBDM has lacked practical tips, but it has been heavy on theory. Judge Dowling wants to know more about the instrument and how it works. Judge Felts wants to know if there will be a report from the pilot counties on pretrial release for an update session on EBDM. Judge Benjamin said that the availability of data for an update session depends on when the data collection began. Judge Smith said that data has been collected on different issues at different times. The pilot counties are all at different stages as well. Judge Felts said it might be too soon. Judge Dowling said that it might be more realistic to do data updates in the fall of next year. Vicki Davis said that in the Spring, perhaps we could say what is being implemented in different counties, without saying “this will work.” Judge Gammage suggested seeking out 3-4 counties in asking them about their data. Judge Smith suggested calling in all 8 pilot counties and having them give an update and simply not title it as giving strategies. Senior Judge Penrod suggested a program on temporary restraining orders and injunctions in non-domestic cases. Judge Smith suggested a session on findings of fact by some Court of Appeals judges. Judge Smith also suggested hearing from the Court of Appeals on trends or significant issues as they see them. Judge Benjamin suggested substance abuse and appropriate counseling. Judge Fee asked if anyone is looking at the impact of pretrial release revisions as they relate to pretrial programs. Judge Shurn suggested Law and Literature and history courses.
12. The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held earlier in the month of September—September 5-7, 2018 at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. Vicki Davis said that we have locked in the Criminal Law Update, Family Law Update, and New Rules. Jill Acklin will check on the status of Civil Law Update. Vicki Davis asked if we needed an Evidence Law Update. Julie McDonald and Jill Acklin asked if there were enough cases handed down for an Evidence Law Update. At the January Committee meeting, the Committee needs to discuss the Agenda. Judge Dowling suggested court facility dogs as a session at the Annual Meeting. Senior Judge Penrod suggested something like a “ministry fair” where there are booths where people can talk to people about local programs.

13. The next meetings will be held at Capitol Center North, 251 N. Illinois Street, Suite 800, (corner of Illinois and New York) on the following dates:
   a. January 26, 2018
   b. March 16, 2018
   c. June 8, 2018
   d. October 5, 2018

14. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Acklin