



DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Zoom Video Conference <https://wacourts.zoom.us/j/82910554410>

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair, Commissioner Rick Leo
Judge Anita Crawford-Willis
Judge Michael Frans
Judge Jessica Giner
Judge Jeffrey D. Goodwin
Judge Carolyn M. Jewett
Judge Lloyd Oaks
Judge Kevin Ringus
Judge Whitney Rivera
Judge Charles D. Short
Judge Jeffrey Smith
Judge Karl Williams
Commissioner Paul Wohl
Judge Rebecca Robertson, BJA Representative

Members Absent:

Judge Catherine McDowall
Judge Tam Bui, BJA Representative
Judge Dan B. Johnson, BJA Representative
Judge Mary Logan, BJA Representative

Guests:

Judge Samuel Chung, SCJA
Judge Michelle Gehlsen, Public Outreach Chair
Judge Kristian Hedine, Bylaws Chair
Judge Jenifer Howson, Therapeutic Courts Co-Chair
Judge Wade Samuelson, Rules Chair
Regina Alexander, MPA Liaison
Ellen Attebury, DMCMA Representative
Brent Williams-Ruth, WSBA Liaison

AOC Staff:

Stephanie Oyler, Primary DMCJA Staff
J Benway, Principal Legal Analyst
Antoinette Bonsignore, DMCJA Policy Analyst
Tracy Dugas, Court Program Specialist
Arsenio Escudero, JIS Business Liaison
Brenden Higashi, DMCJA Policy Analyst
Carl McCurley, Court Research Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rick Leo, District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) President, noted a quorum was present and called the DMCJA Board of Governors (Board) meeting to order at 12:36.

Commissioner Leo provided a brief overview of the Salary Commission meeting that occurred on October 11, 2022.

Commissioner Leo congratulated Judge Anita Crawford-Willis on her recent APEX award from the Washington State Bar Association and showed a video from that event.

PRESENTATION – DMCJA Policy Analysts

The new DMCJA Senior Court Program Analysts, Antoinette Bonsignore, Esq. and Dr. Brenden Higashi, PhD introduced themselves.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Minutes

The minutes from the September 9, 2022 meeting were previously distributed to the members. Commissioner Leo asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes. There was a typo in the "presentation" section. With that change, the minutes were approved by consensus.

B. Treasurer Report for September

Treasurer Judge Anita Crawford Willis presented the treasurer report.

C. Special Fund Report for September

Special Fund Custodian Judge Karl Williams presented the special fund report.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA)

SCJA President-Elect Judge Samuel Chung reported that SCJA provided a response to the Chief Justice regarding the draft interim emergency order, which is available in the materials for today's meeting. Judge Chung noted that SCJA felt that more time was needed before some of the changes should be terminated, and that some of the changes have been beneficial and should be kept, such as the authorization for remote proceedings. Judge Chung reported that Judges Forbes and Ramseyer recently presented on juvenile court rules, and that several SCJA judges were participating in the Salary Commission presentation. Judge Chung noted his appreciation for the ongoing collaboration with DMCJA on a proposal for GR 9 changes.

B. District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA)

DMCMA President Ellen Attebury reported that the association is moving forward with planning an Administrators Academy to help court staff meet the new education requirements.

C. Misdemeanant Probation Association (MPA)

Representative Regina Alexander reported that MPA will be sending a letter to DMCJA regarding GR 22 and concerns about the process for therapeutic court records now being protected. Judge Gehlsen inquired about the probation academy and recommended that information is sent out to remind judicial officers that the training is mandatory.

D. Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)

Representative Mark O'Halloran was not present.

E. Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

Representative Brent Williams-Ruth thanked the board and congratulated Judge Crawford-Willis on the Apex Award. Brent reported that WSBA is currently reviewing information regarding GR 9 and that they were previously not up to date on the work that DMCJA and SCJA were attempting to update the rule, however he does intend to prioritize information sharing back to WSBA.

F. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

State Court Administrator Dawn Marie Rubio was not present.

G. Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

Judge Robertson reported that she has just returned from vacation so her participation with BJA has been limited in the last month. She shared that the Policy and Planning Committee conducted a survey on adequate court funding, and that they are looking for ideas for how to gain more funding from state and local sources. Judge Robertson also noted that the Court Security Task Force is continuing to meet with legislators to talk about a shared costs model.

H. Judicial Information System (JIS)

AOC JIS Business Liaison Arsenio Escudero presented a brief update on Odyssey and JABS.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bylaws Committee

Judge Kristian Hedine reported under Discussion item A.

B. Diversity Committee

Judge Willie Gregory was not present.

C. DOL Liaison Committee

Judge Angelle Gerl was not present.

D. Education Committee

Judge Jeffrey R. Smith reported that the Education Committee will hold a retreat later this month, where they will review the draft schema and make decisions about programming. Judge Smith shared that Education did not receive that many suggestions for education programs this year but that members have additional ideas to contribute, and he has heard some great suggestions recently. Judge Smith noted that he misspoke during the last board meeting – the 2023 Spring Program will be held at the Centennial hotel in Spokane.

E. Judicial Assistance Services Program (JASP)

Judge Mary Logan was not present.

F. Legislative Committee

Judge Kevin Ringus noted that a written report from the committee is in the packet today.

G. Public Outreach Committee

Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen reported that the Public Outreach Committee recently held the You've Been Served event on September 21, and thanked the judicial officers who hosted at their courthouses. Judge Gehlsen reported that 13 courthouses participated, hosting 10 legislators plus staff, and that the event was well-received. Judge Gehlsen also reported that the DMCJA Facebook page is now live and that content can be sent to DMCJAPublicOutreach@gmail.com.

H. Rules Committee

Judge Wade Samuelson referred to the rules report in the packet, and noted that Rules continues to be a very business committee. Judge Samuelson shared that the committee recently met with representatives from the Washington State Supreme Court Rules Committee to discuss GR 9, and that DMCJA Rules will continue to collaborate with SCJA and WSBA on a solution.

I. Therapeutic Courts Committee

Judge Jenifer Howson reported that the Therapeutic Courts Committee will be proposing a robust symposium on therapeutic courts for the Spring Program, where new grant recipients and interested courts can receive resources and support, hopefully to include information about how to develop statistics.

ACTION

A. Ratification of ITG 1349 – Pacific City/Algona Muni KCD-Court Management System (CMS) to Enterprise Data Repository (EDR) Data Exchange

The Board moved, seconded, and passed a vote (M/S/P) to ratify the previous email vote to endorse the ITG request regarding Pacific City/Algona Muni KCD-Court Management System to EDR Data Exchange.

B. Rules Committee Proposal re: 2.1

M/S/P to approve this proposal from the Rules Committee and submit as a technical amendment to the Supreme Court Rules Committee.

DISCUSSION

A. Bylaws Committee Proposal to amend to include “fellow” memberships

Judge Hedine introduced this item and explained that the new language would allow for a new type of membership. Judge Ringus inquired if restructuring of dues would be required for “fellow” members. Discussion ensued about other changes that may be required, such as renaming of the organization. Commissioner Leo encouraged all Board members to review this proposal carefully and noted that this item will be on the agenda for Action at the next meeting.

B. ITG Request #1339, Therapeutic Court Case Management

Dr. Mikala Meize-Bowers was not present and this item will be carried over to the November meeting.

C. Rules Committee Proposal re: CrRLJ 2.1 GR 9

Judge Samuelson noted that this proposal is available in the meeting materials today. M/S/P to move this item to Action today.

D. Rules Committee Proposal re: IRLJ 6.6 GR 9

Judge Samuelson noted that this proposal is available in the meeting materials today but that it is not urgent. This item will carry over to Action for the November meeting.

E. Staff at the DMCJA Retreat

Commissioner Leo introduced this item and explained that now that DMCJA has more staff, they could all attend the Board Retreat event in May, but that AOC may not want to pay for all of the travel costs. Discussion ensued about the importance of having all staff at this event, with Judge Oaks noting that it is not just the formal meetings that occur, but the side discussions that are an important opportunity for all association staff. This item will carry over for continued Discussion at the November meeting.

F. DMCJA Logo

Judge Jeffrey Smith reported that, per the previous discussions by the Board, he has opened an online contest to solicit logos for DMCJA. Judge Smith shared that he has received about 550 submissions, and has narrowed them down to 15 options, which staff will send out for an advisory vote. This item will carry over for continued Discussion at the November meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Commissioner Leo brought the following informational items to the Board’s attention.

- A. DMCJA President’s appointments to the DMCJA Nominating Committee pursuant to DMCJA Bylaws, Art. IX, Sec. 2(a)(2).
- B. DMCJA Response to Emergency Orders
- C. Memo to Chief Justice González: DMCJA Comment on Interim Emergency Order
- D. Rules Committee Letter re: Proposed Amendments to CrRLJ 7.4 and 7.5
- E. Press Release: Gender & Justice Commission Research Finds DV MRT Treatment is Effective, Low Cost
- F. Trial Court Legal Services available on [Inside Courts](#)
- G. Webinar Recording: [Procedural Justice – It Starts With You](#)

- H. Webinar: Update on Search and Seizure Law to be held December 13, 2022
- I. DMCMA Conference to be held May 7-10, 2023 in Vancouver, WA
- J. Free Virtual Conference - [Community Justice 2022: International Summit](#), November 3, 2022

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Attendee Information Sharing
- B. The next DMCJA Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.