

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

OCTOBER TERM, A.D. 2008

IN THE MATTER OF)
ESTABLISHING THE)
WYOMING ACCESS TO)
JUSTICE COMMISSION)

Administrative Notice

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
WYOMING ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION**

THIS MATTER came before the Court upon the recommendation of the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration (BJPA). The Wyoming State Bar and the Wyoming Access to Justice Task Force appeared before the BJPA and requested a favorable recommendation for this Court to create the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission for the purposes stated below; and the Court being fully advised finds Wyoming's justice system is based on the principle of equal justice for all people; and the Court further finds many agencies, organizations, private attorneys, and others in Wyoming provide civil legal services to low income people and there is a need to coordinate their efforts. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission is established to improve access to Wyoming's civil justice system.

The Wyoming Access to Justice Commission will:

1. Evaluate the specific legal needs of low and moderate income people in Wyoming and identify strategies for addressing them;
2. Provide long-range, integrated planning among the numerous legal assistance providers and other interested agencies and entities in Wyoming;
3. Coordinate access to civil justice, foster the development of a statewide, integrated civil legal services delivery system, and design and implement new programs to expand access to justice opportunities;
4. Work toward securing adequate funding for access to civil justice;

5. Be initially composed of eleven (11) members nominated as set forth below and as appointed by the Wyoming Supreme Court. The chair or leader of the following entities, or a delegate thereof, may initially be members of the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission:

- (1) The Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court, or his or her designee;
- (2) A State District Court Judge appointed by the Chief Justice;
- (3) A State Circuit Court Judge appointed by the Chief Justice;
- (4) The President of the Wyoming State Bar, or his or her designee;
- (5-7) Up to three (3) members of the Wyoming State Bar appointed by the President of the Bar;
- (8) A representative of the University of Wyoming College of Law;
- (9) The President of the Clerk of District Court's Association, or his or her designee;
- (10) An appointee of the Wyoming Legislature's Joint Judiciary Committee;
- (11) A member of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Court, or his or her designee;

6. Except as noted above, the President of the State Bar of Wyoming may nominate Commission members from the entities listed above and submit their names to the Wyoming Supreme Court;

7. The Court recognizes that one member of the Commission may represent more than one category listed above. In such case, the Commission may be composed of less than eleven members;

8. The members of the Commission listed in paragraph 5 may nominate up to five (5) additional members, considering active participants in the justice system, including but not limited to the: Federal District Court for the District of Wyoming; Executive Branch of Wyoming Government; Wyoming County Commissioners Association; Wyoming Bar Foundation; Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Wyoming Guardianship Corporation; Wyoming Association of County Attorneys; Wyoming Protection & Advocacy System, Inc.; and Legal Assistants of Wyoming; the Wyoming recipient of the Legal Services Corporation grant; a representative from the University of Wyoming College of Law's Legal Services Programs;

9. As additional members are needed due to term expirations or resignations, the President of the State Bar of Wyoming will nominate additional members consistent with the format outlined herein, provided, however, that judiciary members may be nominated by their respective District Court and Circuit Court Judges' Conferences and appointed by the Chief Justice;

10. The Commission has authority to increase or decrease the number of Commission members and will give notice to this Court of any changes to the number and composition of the Commission;

11. The members of the Wyoming Access to Justice Task Force will be ex officio members of the Commission and will act as an advisory committee to the Commission;

12. The Wyoming Access to Justice Commission will report to this Court at least annually as to its findings, progress and recommendations;

13. The Wyoming Access to Justice Commission shall have authority to promulgate administrative policies and rules consistent with this Order, subject to the approval of the Wyoming Supreme Court.

DATED this 16th day of December 2008.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barton R. Voigt", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

BARTON R. VOIGT
Chief Justice