

## MINUTES

District Court Conference Meeting December 6, 2019

Casper, Wyoming

December 6, 2019 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Conference President, Judge Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Judges Campbell, Day, Wilking; Bluemel, Condor, Robinson, Peasley, Johnson, Rumpke, Edelman and Forgey in person, and Judges Perry, Deegan, Korell, Froelicher and Lavery appearing via phone. A quorum of the conference was present.

Judge Edelman moved to approve the October 2019 minutes, and with a second by Judge Day and the October, 2019 minutes were approved.

Judge Bluemel moved to approve the Treasurer's report and with a second by Judge Johnson. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Conference Committee Assignments:

A discussion was had regarding the current conference committee assignment and appointments. A list of current committee appointments was presented and the Chairman requested that the members review and update their respective current assignments and appointments (including local or outside appointments) and email any updates. Further it was discussed that in the future the conference should have a role in the appointment process and that it will be memorialized in the upcoming rule revisions.

The Chairman announced that the spring meeting will be in Cheyenne, Wyoming on April 23 and 24, 2020. It was decided to invite Judge James to give her our thanks for a job well done. Retired judges will be invited to attend as well.

\* Expanding Circuit Court Jurisdiction-Judges Campbell, Rogers and Deegan have continued to meet and explore options to move CHINS and Delinquency cases to Circuit Court. Their review of the Constitution and statutes indicate that the move is possible with some minor statutory change.

After some discussion the members indicated that they are not in favor of such a change at this time and thanked the committee for their work.

Committee Reports:

BJPA: No report.

Court Automation: The committee continues to work on e-filing – currently looking for a new vendor.

IT: Judge Lavery asked for input on three current items.

1. Display outputs. Currently there are two display options:
  - a. When a video item is inputted the default display is to the judge, witness, and all counsel.
  - b. If the judge selects “send to all” then it will also display to the jury and gallery.

The Judges want more display options, particularly and at the very least, to withhold display to a witness. It was reported by Judge Condor that in the federal system the Judge has complete control to choose the display to each possible recipient.

2. Jury Room Minimum Technology Standard.

A discussion was had regarding the current proposed standard and the conference indicated that the proposed standard is adequate.

3. Addition of 3<sup>rd</sup> Counsel Table and Microphone, Audio and video Monitor

A discussion was had regarding the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Microphone, audio and video monitor. The Conference is of the opinion that the third counsel table set-up is a must and should have been part of the original standard. Multiple parties (more than two) appear often in district court proceedings and the failure to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> counsel table set up available renders most of the upgrades inadequate.

Judge Deegan made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to support proposed legislation regarding the addition of a new judge in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the need for a fourth judge in the sixth 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The judges in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District expressed concern that they are as busy or busier than the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and do not need any new construction to get a fourth judge in the district. The judges support the efforts of each other to get additional judges in both districts.

Judge Deegan offered to make the proposed bill generic rather than District specific and with that change there was a motion, second and unanimous approval to support the proposed bill.

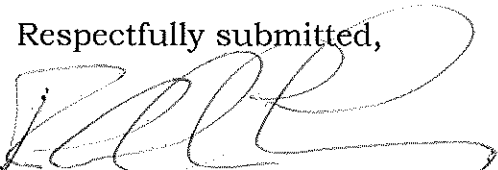
There was a discussion about updating and modernizing the current Rules Governing the Organization of the District Judges' Conference. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried it was resolved that a committee

would review the current rules and make recommendations to the body. The committee will consist of the following members:

Judge Tyler, Judge Forgey, Judge Peasley, Judge Froelicher and Judge Day.

11:30 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lavery', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard L. Lavery  
Secretary/Treasurer