



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL MADISON, WISCONSIN June 15, 2018

The Judicial Council met at 9:35 a.m. in the Senate Parlor, State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Thomas W. Bertz; Sarah Walkenhorst Barber; Sherry Coley (by phone); Judge Eugene A. Gasiorkiewicz; William C. Gleisner; Duane Harlow; Diane Fremgen; Dennis Myers; Representative Ott; Ben Pliskie; Judge Scott Needham; John R. Orton; Thomas L. Shriner; Steven Wright; Judge Jeffrey Wagner; Judge Robert VanDeHey; Senator Van H. Wanggaard; and Judge Koshnick.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler; Christian Gossett; and Devon Lee.

SPECIAL GUESTS: State Bar Representatives (Lynn Davis; Larry Martin; Chris Rogers, President); Jill Bertz; Emma Bertz; Julianna Bertz; Sheila Reiff, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; Judge Brian Blanchard; Judge Michael Fitzpatrick; Bankruptcy Judge Beth Hanan; Ed Leineweber; and Margo Kirchner (Council member elect).

AWARDS BESTOWED

Plaque to Tom Bertz for nine years service on the Council as a member and as Council Chair.

Plaque to Judge Blanchard for six years service as a member and as Council Vice Chair.

I. Roll Call and approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2018.

Minutes were approved.

II. Discussion of and adoption of Council Calendar for 2018-2019.

Calendar approved as follows:

Friday, September 21, 2018
Friday, October 19, 2018
Friday, November 16, 2018
(No meeting in December)
Friday, January 18, 2019
Friday, February 15, 2019
Friday, March 15, 2019
(No meeting in April)
Friday, May 17, 2019
Friday, June 21, 2019

III. Discussions of submissions from the Appellate Procedure Committee.

Prisoner litigation bill to be transmitted to the Legislature.

IV. Report from the Nominating Committee.

Judge Gasiorkiewicz reported that the nominating committee nominates for 2018-2019 Gleisner for Chair and Orton for Vice Chair. Tom Shriner seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Evidence & Civil Procedure Committee.

Mr. Shriner is Chair of this Committee. He reported that the Committee was continuing its past agenda and will concentrate at the beginning of the upcoming 2018-2019 Council year on suggesting improvements to the procedural aspects of 2017 Act 235, as requested by Senator Wanggaard and Representative Ott, which suggestions will be transmitted to the Council for approval and possible submission to the Legislature.

B. Appellate Procedure Committee.

Professor Wright is the new Chair of this committee. He noted that the prisoner litigation bill is ready to be recommended to the Legislature. The other issue before the Committee deals with substitution of attorneys, which has occasioned more difficulty than one would expect. In addition, the Committee will take up the issue of Section 8 of Act 235.

C. Criminal Procedure Committee.

Judge VanDeHey is the new Chair of this committee. He noted that the committee hasn't met for some time and so it will require some reorganization. The Judge asked if the Criminal Procedure Committee could meet after this meeting in the Senate Parlor, and a report on this meeting will be made at the October meeting of the Council.

IX. New Business.

It was the consensus of the Council that a subcommittee should be formed which would have as its responsibility establishing a method of reaching out to stakeholders in order to obtain feedback on proposed petitions and legislation. Specifically, the subcommittee would create a list of stakeholders and would develop a mechanism to seek and receive feedback.

VIII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11 a.m.