



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL
MADISON, WISCONSIN
February 18, 2022

The Judicial Council met at 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2022 via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair William Gleisner; Justice Brian K. Hagedorn; Judge Hannah Dugan; Judge Eugene Gasiorkiewicz; Judge Thomas Hruz; Judge Scott Needham; Judge VanDeHey; Adam Plotkin; Sarah Barber; Amy Crowder; Dennis Myers; John Orton; Steve Kilpatrick; Margo Kirchner; Tom Shriner; Adam Stevenson; Senator Wanggaard; Sarah Zylstra.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Diane Fremgen; Christian Gossett; Ron Tusler.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: Supreme Court Justice Dallet; Supreme Court Justice Karofsky; Cale Battles from the State Bar; Lynne Davis from the State Bar; and Wisconsin Eye.

Roll call and approval of January 21, 2022 Minutes.

Gleisner began the discussion by recognizing Justice Hagedorn, who will be joining the Council as a member. Gleisner noted that this would be a shorter meeting than usual due to the fact that the Evidence & Civil Procedure Committee has special guests and will require additional time to discuss a new project.

Margo Kirchner reported on an article which she is preparing for the inaugural “Corner” column which will be included in the Wisconsin Lawyer. In this article, Margo will report to the Bar on the purpose of the “Judicial Council’s Corner” in the future and will also offer a brief history of the Council in part on the following documents: 1) April Southwick’s History of the Council, dated March 17, 2017; 2) A report of the National Center for State Courts, which contains the early history of the Council; and 3) June 2017 Summary of Council Projects and Accomplishments.

Judge Thomas Hruz also reported on his suggestion for a potential second article for the “Judicial Council Corner,” to be published later this Spring. With all of the changes which are being made to the electronic filing of appeals, Judge Hruz’s article will consist in part

of a checklist which can be used by appellate practitioners in preparing for and prosecuting appeals in the electronic age.

There was some discussion about whether only the members of the Council representing the State Bar (namely, Gleisner, Orton, Kirchner and Zylstra) should author articles for the "Council Corner." However, it was decided by consensus that other members of the Council can participate as authors, especially the Chairs of the Council's standing committees (namely, Appellate Procedure, Criminal Procedure and Evidence and Civil Procedure).

Mr. Shriner delivered a brief report on what will be considered at his special meeting today of the Evidence and Civil Procedure Committee. According to Tom, after an update on the long standing project of revising the injunction rules in Wisconsin, Tom has invited two special guests to attend his committee meeting. MU Law Professor Blinka and UW Law Professor Schwartz will be joining the committee as ad hoc members today and will help begin a discussion of the next project of the Evidence and Civil Procedure Committee. Given the background of Messrs. Blinka and Schwartz in evidence, the two Professors will be joining the Council for the purposes of considering updates to the Wisconsin Rules Evidence (sometimes referred to as a "restyling project").

The meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m.