



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL
MADISON, WISCONSIN

January 20, 2023

As corrected by Council Member Kirchner

The Judicial Council met at 9:30 a.m. on January 20, 2023 in Room 328NW.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair William Gleisner; Justice Brian Hagedorn (by phone); Judge Eugene Gasiorkiewicz (by phone); Judge Thomas Hruz; Judge Kristine Snow; Adam Plotkin; Karley Downing (by phone); Lanny Glinberg; Steven Kilpatrick; Margo Kirchner; John Orton; Tom Shriner; Judge Kristine Snow; Senator Van Wanggaard (by phone); Nick Zales (by phone); and Sarah Zylstra.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Sarah Barber; Judge Hannah Dugan; Judge Scott Needham; Representative Ron Tusler; Molly McNab.

The Roll was taken and the November 18, 2022 Minutes were approved.

I. The Reports by the Chairs of each Council Committee:

- A. Ms. Margo Kirchner, Chair of the ad hoc Committee on the “Council Corner” (a monthly report to the State Bar on the work of the Council) reported on work performed to date, as well as proposed new articles.
- B. Mr. Thomas Shriner, Chair of the Council’s Standing Committee on Evidence and Civil Procedure, reported as follows:
 - 1. Work completed to date on revisions of Wisconsin’s rules concerning injunctions.
 - 2. Work on his committee’s ongoing work on revisions to Wisconsin’s Rules of Evidence.
- C. Judge Thomas Hruz, Chair of the Council’s Standing Committee on Appellate Procedure, reported on the work completed by his committee to date.
- D. Because a new Chair has not yet been appointed to the Council’s Standing

Committee on Appellate Procedure, there was no report during this meeting from this Committee.

- II. Senator Wanggaard requested a detailed report on the history and work of the Council that he could use to further his efforts to convince the Legislature to restore funding to the Council. Consistent with the foregoing, a copy of a December 12, 2022 Report to Senator Wanggaard was included in the materials distributed with this meeting. Gleisner also reported on his attendance at a “Listening Session” of Governor Evers which the Governor billed as a platform to learn what matters should be supported by the Governor.
- III. Senator Wanggaard reported to us on the status of his efforts to persuade the Legislature to restore funding to the Judicial Council.
- IV. The Chair appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Kirchner, Orton and Zylstra to create talking points for Council members to use during discussions with legislators concerning funding.
- V. We had some good news to report on the progress toward the adoption of the Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act. A copy of a January 12, 2023 Co-Sponsorship Memorandum authored by Senator Wanggaard and Representative Tusler was submitted to the Council regarding that Uniform Law, along with a copy of the draft Act submitted to the Legislature by Messrs. Wanggaard and Tusler.
- VI. Time was reserved for the discussion of any new business, of which there was none. Due to the fact that the Evidence and Civil Procedure (ECP) Committee anticipated a lengthy meeting immediately following this meeting, which was to be attended by Professor Blinka and Professor Schwartz, the Council adjourned early.

Adjournment at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Attorney Gleisner