

Judicial Liaison Section Meeting was called to Order at 12:05pm, 5/27/16.

Attending in person: Chair, Craig Wagner; Secretary Hon. Angie Arkin; Paul Chessin, Michael Blasie, Jeremy Schupbach (CBA); Justice Rich Gabriel and his 2 summer interns, Darren Alberti and Carolyn Jackson; and by telephone, Judge John Webb, Judge Randy Davis and Terry Morrison from SCAO.

Minutes from April Meeting:

Approved.

Appellate Court Policies on Expediting cases:

Justice Gabriel and Judge Webb discussed this issue with the group. The consensus was that the issue is addressed to the extent necessary by the various Courts (for example, the COA recently had a CLE where it discussed case assignments based on statutory priorities, etc.), and therefore, no further action will be taken by the Section on this issue at this time.

Public Access to ICCES:

Public Access to ICCES: Paul Chessin gave a report on his presentation of the public library ICCES access proposal at the Colorado Supreme Court's Public Access Committee's May 2016 meeting. He stated that the matter would again be on the Committee's agenda at its next meeting on September 21, 2016. He stated that he would like to report at that meeting that the CBA supports the proposal. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the Judicial Liaison Section request CBA support for the proposal that ICCES be made available for free public access at public libraries. Jeremy Schupbach is to get this matter put on the agenda for the next CBA Executive Council meeting. Mr. Chessin also noted that a media report of the May Public Access Committee meeting appeared on the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition's blog, which report was also picked up on the Colorado Independent's website. Mr. Schupbach is to circulate the links to those websites to all Section members.

Legislative Wrap-Up:

Jeremy Schupbach, CBA Director of Legislative Relations, reported on:

- SB 153 "County Court Judges Residential Preferences" died.
- HB 1235 "Judicial Integrity Project" was opposed by the CBA, but the CBA intends to work with SCAO toward more transparency in the judicial review process. This will be a significant discussion by CBA, SCAO, CJI and others this summer.
- HB 1346: bill died because "Judicial CORA," is already covered by a CJD.

- HB 1311 Regarding Municipal Courts imprisoning indigent defendants for failing to pay fines: This bill passed despite strong opposition by municipal Judges. There is a question regarding funding for Court-appointed counsel in these cases...
- HB 1059 (protection for senior judges) failed.
- Ballot initiatives: “Honest Judge” (Judicial Integrity) and Independent Ethics Commission are highly unlikely to get enough signatures this year.

Note:

There has been a working committee formed with DBA/CBA/CJI/SCAO/Our Courts/IAALS/League of Women Voters to address 50 years of Merit Selection, and to get out the same message to EVERYONE about the benefits. Look for discussions of this during Professionalism Month (October).

New Business:

Article 6, Section 21 of the Colorado Constitution: Should judges still be required to retire at 72? Should there be a Constitutional Amendment to raise the age? Subcommittee will look at this issue: Paul Chessin, Craig Wagner, and Michael Blasie.

Next Meeting:

9/23/16 at noon??? Craig will send around an email proposing a new date, since the regular date falls on Yom Kippur.

Meeting adjourns at 1:05 pm.

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