

Federal Practice Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2005

A meeting of the Federal Practice Committee was held on March 10, 2005. Those present were Wallace Squibb, Todd Bartels, Lajuana Counts, Charlie Harris, Jr., Also Dominguez, and Pat Brune. Attending via conference call were Tim Van Ronzelen and Dana Kollar-Miller.

The first item of business was a suggestion that this committee renew the tradition of hosting the WDMO Breakfast meeting at the 8th Circuit Conference which will be held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs this year. The Clerk will check with the Circuit Executive to see how the committee can be notified of those attorneys planning to attend. Charlie Harris, Lajuana Counts, and Todd Bartels agreed to steer this effort. All committee members are asked to bring ideas to the June meeting for this event.

Judge Wright asked the committee to discuss the Early Assessment Program (EAP). The discussion included the idea of holding a focus group in each area of the District to gather reactions to the program. Tim Van Ronzelen, Phil Greenfield, Denise Henning, Dana Kollar-Miller, and Tom Bender were asked to work on this effort. Wallace Squibb will contact Judge Wright and Kent Snapp, EAP Administrator, to get more direction on how to proceed.

Tim Van Ronzelen reported on the social event held in the Fall of 2004 in the Central Division indicating that the local Bar appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Judges of the Western District.

The following dates were announced:

- June 9, 2005 - Federal Practice Committee Meeting @ 12 Noon in KC (lunch to be served)
- June 30, 2005 - D. Brook Bartlett Lectures scheduled in KC
- September 8, 2005 - Federal Practice Committee Meeting w/Judges @ 12 Noon in KC (lunch to be served)