

**MINUTES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
FEDERAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

February 17, 2011 – Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse

Present in person: Willie Epps, Doug Harpool, Julia Kitsmiller, Lisa Nouri, Travis Poindexter, Jeffrey Ray, Lynnette Siegel, and Ann Thompson

Present via teleconference: Matt Dameron and Marsha Fischer

Meeting and Approval of Minutes

The Federal Practice Committee for the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri (“Committee”) held a business meeting on February 17, 2011, at the Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse.

The business convened at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Epps asked for additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on January 21, 2011. Hearing none, Mr. Ray moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Nouri seconded the motion. The Committee approved the minutes unanimously.

Community Outreach

The Committee is continuing its efforts to reach out to the community and provide presentations about the federal court. Ms. Thompson provided an update on recent presentations that have been given and the upcoming calendar of presentations. Since the Committee’s last meeting, one presentation was given by Judge Smith and Ms. Kitsmiller to the Kiwanis Club of Kansas City on January 27, 2011. Another presentation, which had been scheduled for January 21, 2011, was canceled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled.

There are currently three presentations scheduled over the course of the next year. Ms. Thompson asked for suggestions of groups who may be interested in a presentation about the federal court. The Federal Court Advocates will also generate a list a groups who may be interested in the presentation.

Old Business

The committee continued its discussions about hosting a potential program for the bench related to sentencing in child pornography cases. The forum would include speakers on the topic who would provide an objective view of sentencing in these types of cases. Mr. Poindexter has taken the lead in researching potential speakers. He will present the names of those potential speakers to the Committee.

New Business

Mr. Epps will be speaking at a retreat for the federal bench on February 25, 2011, at the Kauffmann Foundation. At that time, he will provide an update of what the Committee accomplished over the past year.

Announcements

Ms. Thompson announced that the federal bench will hold a retreat at the Kauffmann Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 25, 2011.

The Jefferson City Courthouse will be completed in May, and the move will occur over Labor Day weekend. A reception will be held in Jefferson City once the courthouse is completed. The Committee discussed the possibility of holding one of its business meetings in Jefferson City in conjunction with the reception.

Hearing no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.