

**Federal Practice Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Federal Practice Committee was held on June 9, 2005. Those attending included Chairman Wallace Squibb, Todd Bartels, Lajuana Counts, Charlie Harris, J.R. Hobbs, and Clerk Pat Brune. Attending by conference call were Tom Bender and Dana Kollar-Miller.

The first item for discussion was a proposed review of the Early Assessment Program. Judge Scott Wright had asked the Committee to seek out input from the Bar regarding the effectiveness of the program and whether any participants were feeling pressured by the process. There was discussion about how best to go about this review including a proposal to review the last 50 cases involved in the program and ask them to participate in a check list type interview about the experience. A suggestion was made to publicize this review during the D. Brook Bartlett Lectures scheduled for late June. (NOTE: Since the Committee meeting, the Court en banc has become involved in this process as well with Chief Judge Whipple working with Wallace Squibb to help guide the inquiry.)

The second discussion item was how best to generate attendance at the Federal Practice Breakfast scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2005 at the 8th Circuit Conference in Colorado. Suggestions were made about staying in contact with the Circuit Executive to get lists of Western Missouri attorneys as they sign up to attend. The Conference and the Breakfast will be announced on the WDMO Web page.

The Committee was reminded that comments are due to the Missouri Bar by July on Rule 4.2.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.