

Federal Practice Committee

Minutes for Friday, September 15, 2006

Those present for the meeting included: Tim Van Ronzelen, Chair, Thomas Benders, Todd Bartels, Jeffrey Ray, Christopher Harlan, Charlie Harris, Aldo Dominguez, John Appelquist, Rodney Nichols, Pat Brune, Clerk of Court, Paige Wymore-Wynn, Chief Deputy Clerk and Bill Terry, Operations Manager.

The meeting convened at 12:55 p.m. Introductions of the new members were made and Pat went over a project for the committee that had been approved at the court en banc meeting by the judges.

The committee was asked to make a recommendation to the local rules for the application of CM/ECF. Copies of model rules for both civil and criminal cases was distributed. The Western District of Missouri currently operates with CM/ECF under the General Order which needs to be incorporated into the local rules. Bill Terry will work with the committee on this project as he has been involved with ECF since its inception in the court. Tim asked for volunteers to also work with Bill. Jeff Ray and John Appelquist will assist with this project. Bill suggested that he get copies of other courts' local rules to help guide the development of this project. Chris asked that we try and keep things consistent with the 8th Circuit as well.

Protective Orders were then discussed particularly the need for a more standardized procedure. This item was also discussed during the luncheon with the Judges preceding the committee meeting. Charlie suggested that it may be more efficient to divide the Protective Orders by disciplines (i.e. employment, products). Other members brought up the fact that Protective Orders are not really an issue with criminal cases. It was decided that a notice be sent to the Judges asking them for permission to acquire a sampling of redacted Protective Orders which they have approved. This sample would then be utilized in developing those Orders to be used for the various disciplines within the Western District of Missouri. All of this would be contingent upon the approval of the court en banc. Tim, Charlie and Bill will work with this project and present to the committee.

During the luncheon it was announced that KCMBA would be hosting a reception at the courthouse on November 15th. Details will follow. In addition, Judge Laughrey asked about topics for the upcoming Bartlett Lectures.

Pat said that she would follow up with Wallace Squibb in regard to the status of the ADR review in the divisional offices. A short discussion then followed regarding the success of the ADR process in the divisional offices and any shortfalls.

An updated roster was distributed to all attendees. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.