

MINUTES OF THE WDMO FEDERAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

March 6, 2014- Noon Luncheon

Kansas City, Missouri and Via Teleconference

Present in person: Travis Poindexter, Ann Thompson, Dave Ketchmark, Christine Blegen, Jeff Simon, Mike Oliver, Doug Harpool, Mike Oliver

Present via teleconference: Willie Epps, Andy Hirth, Larry Miller, Erica Mynarich, Julia Kitsmiller

Chair Travis Poindexter called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Lisa Nouri agreed to take the minutes for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Epps moved for approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting. Lisa Nouri seconded the motion. With no opposition, the Committee approved the minutes unanimously. Mr. Epps moved for approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2013 meeting. Ms. Blegen seconded the motion. With no opposition, the Committee approved the minutes unanimously.

Old Business

Courthouse Connection Newsletter

Mr. Poindexter provided an overview of the article on the Federal Practice Committee. Ann Thompson and Travis Poindexter discussed the article concerning video conferencing for attorneys with clients at CCA. Mr. Poindexter advised the FPD has a work station with the video conferencing set up and he had a conference call with a client. Mr. Oliver wondered if Greene County could hook into this technology. Ms. Thompson advised the Court paid for the CCA equipment and the FPD paid for their equipment. Discussion ensued as to whether other CJA attorneys would utilize this service. Christine Blegen asked if the Court or FPD could put together for CJA attorneys a cost breakdown for the software necessary to participate. She also volunteered to work on a page design if this is feasible.

Jefferson City CLE Event

Discussion was had among Larry Miller, Ann Thompson, and Travis Poindexter concerning a program. Mr. Poindexter has talked with Judge Whitworth concerning doing a similar program as

to what the FPC seminar held in Springfield last year. The program would have the same first two panels with District Judges and Magistrate Judges and then an hour of ethics. The tentative date is Friday, October 7, 2014 starting in mid-morning through lunch and Larry Miller and Andy Hirth will help coordinate.

Update on Community Outreach

Dave Ketchmark and Judge Maughmer made a presentation to a criminal justice class. Mr. Ketchmark and Judge Phillips will be speaking to the FBI Academy using a modified presentation.

New Business

Revised Calendar for 2014

The May 2, 2014 portrait ceremony for Judge Dorr is set for 3 p.m. in Springfield.

The August 22, 2014 portrait ceremony for Judge Gaitan will be in the afternoon.

The October 2, 2014 meeting will be replaced by the CLE program in Jefferson City.

Mike Oliver and Erica Mynarich will put together a one hour ethics CLE program in Springfield before the end of June.

Ann Thompson offered a history lesson concerning the Historical Bell Room.

Committee members on the conference call were advised to end the call as the in person members went to view courtroom 7B.

Courtroom Technology (Courtroom 7B)

Attorneys were escorted to the courtroom and a discussion ensued led by Ann Thompson. Doug Harpool recently had a trial and was able to use his ipad without incident. Consensus among the attorneys present was that ipad usage was more prevalent or needed than laptop usage. Placement of monitors for the jurors and size of monitors was also considered. The Court is looking for feedback from trial attorneys in determining where to spend funds and what is needed or what is unnecessary. Training would be offered to assist attorneys with any new AV tools and equipment.