

AMENDED MINUTES

Commission on Judicial Performance
November 7, 1988

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bruce Bond, John Bush, Jean Dubofsky, Ed Harshbarger, Sally Hopper, Dorothy Lucero, Joe Medina, David Owen, John Ulvang, and Craig Umbaugh.

OTHERS

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John Bush briefed the Commission on the American Bar Association's Conference on Judicial Performance. He stated that confidentiality of evaluation results are still a concern in other states. Mr. Bush mentioned that eleven states are currently in the process of developing evaluation programs and noted that it may not be necessary for this Commission to develop it's own questionnaire. He noted that Alaska has contracted for its staff support as opposed to hiring staff.

Mr. Bush then asked Dan Hall to distribute information from the American Bar Association to the Commission members. He suggested waiting to gather information from the individual states.

Michael Valdez spoke about funding for the Commission. He reported the schedule for applying for funds from the State Justice Institute is as follows:

Concept papers need to be postmarked by February 2, 1989.
State Justice Institute meets in late March 1989.
Applications are accepted in late May 1989.
Money is available October 1, 1989.
Concept papers for 1990 need to be submitted by 11/89.

It was noted that the Commission should consider how to determine if the evaluation program is successful. Evaluation criteria should be developed by the Commission.

Mr. Bush had contacted Chuck Turner, Executive Director of the Colorado Bar Association, about possible funding. Mr. Turner gave him the following information.

1. The Colorado Bar Foundation has \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year.

2. COLTAF (Lawyer Trust Funds) has \$500,000 available of which 80 percent is committed to legal assistance and 20 percent is committed to discretionary grants.
3. The Colorado Bar Association has a limited budget available for discretionary grants.
4. The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association is another potential source of revenue.

Mr. Bush stated that the Commission should receive a substantial commitment from law related groups to improve its chances when approaching other Colorado funding sources.

Mr. Bush is investigating the Commission's tax status.

Mr. Owens discussed potential legislation to resolve the long range funding problem but noted that raising docket fees was not politically feasible. He mentioned another option which was to raise attorney licensing fees \$15.00. It was noted that there would not be support for this alternative either.

The Commission then elected John Bush to serve as Chairman of the Commission for a two-year term.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 1988 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the State Court Administrator's Office.

Submitted by,

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