



JUDICIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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The meeting of the Judicial Planning Council was called to order by Judge Donald P. Smith, Jr. at 9:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room. The following members were present:

Judge Donald P. Smith, Jr.
Judge Dorothy Binder
Judge Jerry Lincoln
Judge George Manerbino
Judge Joseph Studholme
Judge Orrelle Weeks
Judge Marsha Yeager
Honorable Martha Ezzard
Ms. Josephine Linden
Mr. Daniel Vredenburg
Mr. Jim Thomas
Mr. Paul Holdeman

Members absent were:

Judge Robert Johnson
Honorable Regis Groff
Dean Dan Hoffman
Mr. Ben Duarte
Mr. Greg Walta
Mr. Andrew Vogt
Mr. Walter Steele

The following State Court Administrator's staff and guests were present:

Barbara Gletne
Don Chernob
Nick Alvarez
Judith Zeiger
Mac Danford, Adjudication Committee
Kathy Busch, Public Education Committee
Trudi Morrison, Division of Criminal Justice
Harry Lawson, D.U. Law School
Tim Turley, Denver Juvenile Court
Eldene Mosbarger, 4th Judicial District
Lillian Torres, 4th Judicial District

Judge Smith introduced Judith Zeiger, Director of Court Staff Development. Judge Smith spoke on the Training Committee and his conversations with the Chief Justice. We will proceed with the training plan developed by the committee with some minor modifications.

Judge Smith said that the Chief Justice had very kind things to say about the Judicial Planning Council at the Judicial Conference.

The funds for JPC run out this year. A request will be made for funding to continue through general funds. Barbara Gletne stated that we do not want to request additional staff. The request would be for travel and operating expenses - roughly \$13,000.

Everyone at the meeting received a copy of the public education brochure "You and Your Colorado Courts". Judge Binder said 70,000 copies were printed in English and 5,000 in Spanish.

Martha Ezzard reported on the Committee on Counsel for Indigent Persons. At their first meeting, they formed two subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Criminal Representation, chaired by Judge Dan Shannon; and the Subcommittee on Juvenile Representation, chaired by Judges Robert Behrman and Gavin Litwiller. The subcommittees have met and defined areas that they want to explore.

Trudi Morrison spoke on the State Council on Criminal Justice meeting, deinstitutionalization and statewide educational and training programs. They are attempting to meet a December 1, 1980 deadline in order to have material ready for the next legislative session.

Judge Yeager asked Judge Smith about filling the vacancies on the JPC. Judge Smith has talked to the Chief Justice about it. He has asked to increase the Council by five in order to involve more lay people. He hopes that the appointments will be made in the next two weeks.

The Council broke into committees and after lunch reassembled to hear committee reports.

ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

Harry Lawson presented the final Jurisdiction Study Report. The focal point of the study is overlapping jurisdiction. Judge Smith thought that Sections 3 and 4, concerning jurisdiction and a proposed constitutional amendment, should go to the Adjudication Committee to study in detail. Sections 1 and 2, concerning nonadjudicatory duties and obsolete statutes, could be dealt with by the Council at the next meeting.

Judge Binder moved that a subcommittee be appointed dealing with the Jurisdiction Study, particularly Sections 3 and 4 of the final report dated 1980. Judge Studholm seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Judge Smith asked members of the Council to go through the first two sections of the report so that the Council can make recommendations at the next meeting. Judge Smith will appoint new members for the new subcommittee. Dan Vredenburg suggested that there be a time limit for the new committee to study this. Judge Smith will advise the Chief Justice as to what has been done regarding the subcommittee. He asked for suggestions for subcommittee membership.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Judge Smith introduced Lillian Torres and Eldene Mosbarger who showed the one-day one-trial slide presentation from El Paso District Court. There were several positive comments on the presentation.

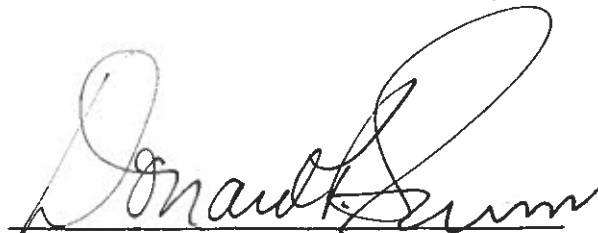
Judge Binder talked about the dissemination of the new Public Education Brochure. The committee decided to send 12 to all of the Speakers Bureaus with a letter stating that they are available upon request. The committee hopes to have a written report on the progress to date by the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Judge Lincoln and Dan Vredenburg gave the Alimony and Support Subcommittee report. There was a general discussion of whether the courts should be involved in alimony and support. There was a division on whether the report should be accepted. Judge Smith asked the committee to develop alternatives as to how alimony and support can be handled by other agencies and still meet court needs.

Judge Lincoln then reported on the Library Standards Subcommittee. He said the committee was in a holding pattern due to Judge Johnson's pending retirement. Don Chernob stated that they were waiting for the response from members of the bar. Representative Betty Orten, a member of the subcommittee, thought the committee should try to get the proposal into this legislative session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 1980.



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