



## Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

**Date and Time of Meeting:** February 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

**Place of Meeting:** Remote Access via Zoom (zoom.com or zoom app, see “Notices” for access information)

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Call of Roll
  - B. Determination of Quorum
  - C. Opening Remarks
  
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary\*
  - A. December 1, 2024 (*Tab 1, pages 3-6*)
  
- III. Reports of Standing Committees
  - A. Court Administration Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  - B. Court Improvement Program (*Tab 2, pages 7-9*)
  - C. Legislative Committee (*Tab 3, pages 10-13*)
  - D. Specialty Court Funding Committee (*Tab 4, pages 14-15*)
  - E. Technology Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  - F. Family Subcommittee (*Tab 5, pages 16-17*)
  
- IV. Summaries of Regional Judicial Council Meetings
  - A. Clark Regional Judicial Council – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  - B. North Central Judicial Council (*Tab 6, pages 18-21*)
  - C. Sierra Regional Judicial Council – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  - D. South Central Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 7, pages 22-24*)
  - E. Washoe Regional Judicial Council – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  
- V. Other Items/Discussion
  - A. AOC Projects
  
- VI. Informational Materials
  - A. 2024 Judicial Council Membership (*Tab 8, pages 26*)
  - B. 2023 Attendance Records for the Judicial and Regional Councils (*Tab 9, pages 27-35*)
  
- VII. Future Meetings
  - May 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
  - August 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
  - November 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
  
- VIII. Adjournment

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# TAB 1



## Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

December 1, 2023

2:00 p.m.

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

### **Members Present**

Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich, Chair  
Associate Chief Justice Elissa Cadish, Vice Chair  
Judge Steven Dobrescu  
Chief Judge Michael Gibbons  
Judge Kelley Giordani  
Judge Eileen Herrington  
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins  
Judge Joanna Kishner  
Alicia Lerud  
Judge Victor Miller  
Judge John Schlegelmilch  
Judge Randall Soderquist  
Judge Gloria Sturman  
Judge Dawn Throne  
Judge Ryan Toone  
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

### **AOC Staff**

Paul Embley  
David Gordon  
Almeda Harper  
Shyle Irigoin  
Chad Johnson  
Zaide Martinez

### **Guests**

Alicia Davis  
Jessica Gurley  
Justice Douglas Herndon

### **Absent**

Steven Grierson  
Judge Gus Sullivan

### **Absent Excused**

Judge Shirle Eiting  
Chief Judge Lynne Jones  
Judge Mike Montero  
Katherine Stocks

- I. Call to Order
  - Chief Justice Stiglich called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
  - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The meeting summary from August 18, 2023, was unanimously approved.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees
  - Court Improvement Program
    - Ms. Martinez provided the following updates:
      - The committee established an ad hoc subcommittee of dependency judges and masters/magistrates who will review the guardianship and out-of-home placement practices before the formal dependency process.
      - Extensions were granted for the 2022-2023 Timely Permanency and Termination of Parental Rights subgrants, and two new awards were distributed for the 2023-2024 funding session.
      - The Committee is preparing for round four of the Child and Family Services Review.
      - The Committee's 2024 grant from the Children's Bureau was approved.
  - Legislative Committee
    - Mr. McCormick provided the following updates:
      - The committee discussed accelerating the District Court judge's COLAs, but some of the members did not recommend accelerating the process.

- The Limited Jurisdiction Judges Association will be working on developing a bill to fix procedural issues with AB116.
  - Mr. McCormick suggested resubmitting the Guardianship bill from the 2023 Session (SB15) without fee changes.
  - A legislator has been pushing to change child support driver's license suspensions but there may be a federal barrier. The members also discussed changing DMV fees as they create additional barriers for people trying to reinstate their licenses. The members discussed developing a tracking program to identify who has paid fees.
  - Chief Judge Higgins attended a conference by the National Council for State Legislatures where attendees were very much in favor of removing administrative fees. He commented that some fees could be rolled into the general fund, but the \$10 court facility fee and the \$7.50 fee directly benefit limited jurisdiction courts.
    - ♦ The committee is aware this would cause hardships for limited jurisdiction courts that heavily rely on the funding and will continue to monitor the topic.
  - The members discussed binding over misdemeanors with gross misdemeanors or felonies in the same case.
    - ♦ The 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District binds them with the felonies and are adjudicated by the district court.
    - ♦ Other courts don't have a process for this.
    - ♦ Members discussed whether it would be beneficial to create a statutory provision.
  - Chief Judge Jones commented there are issues with technical and non-technical parole and probation violations and honorable and dishonorable discharges that need clarification.
  - Members discussed including rural townships in the stipend of funds appropriated to the larger counties for 48-hour bail hearings.
  - Ms. Lerud commented that post-sentence, no-contact orders are not being processed once received by the state repository. Members will need to contact DPS or the DA to discuss the process.
  - Mr. Grierson requested a bill be reserved for additional judges in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.
  - The questionnaire created by SB418 was distributed to county election officials and posted to the Secretary of the State. Comments or suggestions for the questionnaire can be directed to Mr. McCormick.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
    - Mr. McCormick provided a summary of the Specialty Court report in the absence of Ms. Gouveia, please see the meeting materials for more information.
  - Family Subcommittee
    - Ms. Davis reported that the subcommittee was formed in September 2023 to re-evaluate and update a 2019 assessment conducted by the National Council Juvenile and Family Court Judges which highlighted the need for staff support for the family court model specifically in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> judicial districts. Results from a judicial survey circulated in October 2023 outlined a need to review case management, balancing workloads, and virtual proceedings. Ms. Davis will compile a report outlining four or five areas of interest which will be discussed during a strategic planning session scheduled for February 9, 2024.
      - Justice Cadish requested that the subcommittee collaborate with the Court Improvement Program if any issues involving dependency come up in the future.

#### IV. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- North Central Judicial Council
  - Judge Soderquist commended Judge Montero's efforts as chair of the North Central Council. The council had a great discussion on bail schedules.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Schlegelmilch commented that the council had a quorum at the last meeting. Please see the materials for more information.

- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
  - Alicia Lerud commented that mental competency is making progress in reducing the waiting time for receiving forensic services at Lakes Crossing. The district court's mental competency docket will begin hearing misdemeanor cases within the next year to reduce the overall impact on the system.
  - Incline Justice Court recently moved to a new facility.
  - Reno Municipal Court received several significant grants for its Specialty Courts program.
  - Washoe County Behavioral Health Summit will be held on January 9-10, 2024, at the Whitney Peak Hotel. Registration is free, details will be distributed after the meeting. The summit is open to anyone interested.
  - Justice Stiglich asked if there are any updates on the conversion of the Las Vegas County or City Jail designated for competency.
    - Ms. Lerud stated the funding was reallocated to increase space in the Clark and Washoe County jails to provide forensic services within those facilities. The State IFC meeting on December 13, 2023, will discuss this topic in greater detail.

V. Other Items/Discussion

- AOC Projects
  - Mr. Embley provided the following updates
    - E-filing is moving forward. The AOC will have a stand-alone system running by February 2024. Courts who don't want to wait for integration and would like to have e-filing immediately, please contact Mr. Embley directly.
    - The AOC has narrowed the field of vendor options for jury management and will be demoing systems soon.
    - The RFP process for digital evidence will start in January 2024.
- The Limited Jurisdiction Judges Seminar will be held in Las Vegas on January 9-12, 2024.
- Chief Justice Stiglich commented that the Supreme Court will be discussing the details of the Chief Justice position in the new year. She feels the process of appointing a new chief annually could be updated to better assist the Nevada Courts.

VI. Future Meetings

- 2024 TBD

VII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

# TAB 2

Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
Director and State Court  
Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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**COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee Members:**

Justice Elissa Cadish, Chair  
Judge Paige Dollinger  
Judge Gary Fairman  
Judge David Gibson  
Crystal Hallock  
Amber Howell  
Wonswayla Mackey

Fran Maldonado  
John McCormick  
Jennifer Merideth  
Judge Michael Montero  
Master Kimberly Okezie  
Buffy Okuma  
Karen Perez

Jennifer Rains  
Kate Schmidt  
Jennifer Spencer  
Magistrate Alison Testa  
Judy Tudor  
Janice Wolf

Committee Report as of January 12, 2024

*Prepared by: Zaide Martinez, Court Improvement Program (CIP) Coordinator*

The Court Improvement Program (CIP) continues to focus on three primary strategies: improving timeliness to permanency for children; increasing judicial, attorney, and stakeholder knowledge and expertise; and building systemic capacity through continual quality improvement (CQI) and data exchange.

- The 2024 Community Improvement Council (CIC) Summit dates have been set and will be held in Reno, Nevada. Venue information will be provided at a later date. The CIC Summit dates are as follows:
  - September 18, 2024, Judicial Roundtable for judges and masters/magistrates only
  - September 19-20, 2024, CIC General Summit for all CIC stakeholders
- CIP established the Dependency Judicial Leadership Subcommittee (DJLS), a statewide subcommittee of dependency judges and masters/magistrates. This subcommittee would function as an ad hoc subcommittee of the CIP Select Committee and would provide significant benefits by allowing enhanced cohesion between CICs and dependency judges.
  - The current focus of the Subcommittee is looking into guardianship and out-of-home placement practices occurring before the formal dependency process.
- CIP and legal stakeholders are working with the Agency on proposed Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) regulations to go into the Nevada Administrative Code.
- The Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance (JCAMP) Leadership Team has been meeting regularly and has selected 53 of the 75 JCAMP measures. The JCAMP Leadership Team



is working to reduce the measures and discuss sustainability for continuous quality improvement.

- CIP is working closely with the Children's Bureau (CB) and Agency partners to prepare for Round 4 of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR).
- CIP continues to provide support and resources to the CICs.
- CIP started a new federal fiscal year in October which includes new research initiatives and enhancement of ongoing projects driven by the CB, best practices, state, and jurisdictional needs.

# TAB 3



**Legislative Committee**

November 13, 2023

2:00 p.m.

*Summary Prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Judge Stephen Bishop  
James Conway  
Chief Judge Michael Gibbons  
Steve Grierson  
Jessica Gurley  
Alicia Lerud  
Judge Victor Miller  
Chief Judge Lynne Jones  
Judge Randall Soderquist

**Advisory Members Present**

Tom Clark  
Jessica Ferrato  
Mike Hillerby  
Keith Lee  
John McCormick  
Gabby McGregor  
Andres Moses  
Joe Tommasino

**Guests**

Justice Elissa Cadish  
Paige Barnes  
Andrea Blanco  
Judge Kathleen Drakulich  
Joe Naves  
Erin Tellez

**AOC Staff**

Almeda Harper

I. Call to Order

- Justice Cadish called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the absence of Chair Stiglich.
- Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was not present, but the members agreed to continue the meeting as information only.
- The meeting summary from June 12, 2023, was not approved.

II. 2023 Legislation Implementation Issues and Corrections

- Chief Judge Jones identified the issue with regard to the COLA implementation for judges. She discussed judges should be treated like all other state employees.
  - ♦ Judge Drakulich commented that she felt it would be beneficial to meet with the Legislative Counsel Bureau before the next session.
  - ♦ Justice Cadish suggested that bringing this topic back to the Legislature for additional changes may not be practical.
  - ♦ Mr. Hillerby agreed with Justice Cadish, that future discussions with Legislators will likely create issues as they were unhappy during initial negotiations.
  - ♦ Ms. Barnes added that the risk of returning to this topic in the next session could be much graver than the reward. The Legislative Branch may move backward on what was accomplished during the 2023 Session.
  - ♦ Judge Miller suggested a meeting with Chairman Yeager to get his opinion on this subject.

III. Possible 2025 BDRs

- AB116 Fixes
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick asked the members if they felt there was a need to form a workgroup to attempt to correct the procedural issues with [AB116](#).
    - Mr. Clark commented that a BDR for corrections is not a bad idea and that legislators will come after the driver's license suspension issue again. Things could change

drastically depending on the outcome of the 2024 elections. He will be working with NJLJ to develop the necessary language.

- Judge Bishop felt judges need to submit a correction to ensure additional issues are not created.
- Judge Miller suggested making changes to correct the juvenile jurisdiction question.
- Guardianship
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick commented that during the last session, the Committee submitted [SB15](#) which included several changes including a fee change which is where the bill got hung up. He would like to submit the changes again without the fee. He offered to get input from the Guardianship Commission.
- Driver's License Suspensions
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick commented that legislators have reached out to Chief Judge Higgins expressing concern for this topic. The process at the DMV has become a barrier for people trying to regain their licenses. Child support driver's license suspensions are also an issue that may benefit from small adjustments, however, there is Federal Law on the issue.
  - ♦ Judge Miller suggested creating a way to track who has paid fees to get their license back.
- Fines and Fees
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick explained that Chief Judge Higgins asked to add this to the list. He attended a conference put on by the National Council of State Legislatures where fines and fees were discussed. This would be a broad discussion to see if the Commission members feel the need to address fines and fees.
  - ♦ Judge Bishop commented that the lower courts are still reliant on the fees.
- Small Claims and General Civil Monetary Limits
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick commented that currently the civil limit is \$15,000 at the justice court level, and anything over that is sent to district courts. Small claims are \$10,000. He asked the members if there was a need to change these limits. The topic will be tabled for discussion at future meetings.
- Misdemeanors charged in the same case are required to be sent to district courts with bound over gross misdemeanors or felonies.
  - ♦ Judge Miller commented that NRS 173.115 requires that if there is a felony or gross misdemeanor, all misdemeanors must be included in the same complaint.
  - ♦ Justice Cadish pointed out that they may not be resolved together.
  - ♦ Mr. Conway added that in Washoe County, they stay in justice courts which causes problems in trying to close out cases. There is a concern that district court judges may not have jurisdiction over the cases from lower-level courts.
  - ♦ Judge Miller added that Clark County binds them up to district court, and the district court resolves the charges along with the felonies and gross misdemeanors.
- Administrative Assessment Reform Bill
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick explained this is the only source of discretionary revenue for limited jurisdiction courts.

#### IV. Other Potential Bills

- Chief Judge Jones discussed multiple concerns.
  - ♦ The statute for technical and non-technical parole and probation violations could use clarification as to what constitutes a non-technical violation.
  - ♦ Honorable and dishonorable discharges need to be clarified. If money is owed, should an honorable discharge be granted? This also applies to record sealing. She disagrees with the calculation of good-time credits.
  - ♦ The 48-hour bail hearing rule has been more difficult for the rural courts, and they should be canvassed to see what can be done to alleviate the difficulties.
    - Mr. Clark commented that a one-time general fund allocation was granted to pay for additional judges or overtime necessary to implement the 48-hour rule. He would like to

see this one-time allocation become long-term funding. Townships within larger counties can also benefit from the additional funding.

- Judge Bishop added that he is in favor of 48-hour hearings with the additional funding.
- Ms. Lerud commented that post-sentence, no-contact orders do not go anywhere concerning the state repository. If there is a post-sentence, no-contact order entered in a domestic battery case, the order is good, but law enforcement has no way to access it. They do not immediately arrest, leaving victims at risk.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick offered to reach out to the District Attorney's Association for input.
  - ♦ Judge Bishop added that immediate arrest may not be permissible, and that specific statutory coverage should be considered.
- Mr. Grierson requested a bill be reserved for the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for additional judges.
- Mr. McCormick added that the [SB418](#) questionnaire for anyone newly running for judicial office has been built and is available through the [Secretary of State website](#), and has been disseminated to all county election officials. He said that we are still working on the lay justice of the peace test required by [SB354](#).

#### V. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be held in January after the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Winter Seminar.

#### VI. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

# TAB 4

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## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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### SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

Justice Lidia Stiglich, Chair	Chief Judge Cynthia Cruz	Judge Thomas Stockard
Justice Linda Bell, Co-Chair	Judge Steven Dobrescu	Judge Ryan Toone
Judge Michael Montero, Vice-Chair	Chief Judge Lynne Jones	Chief Judge Jerry Wiese
Judge Tom Armstrong	Judge Jessica Longley	Judge Bitia Yeager
Judge Stephen Bishop	Judge Jim Loveless	
	Judge Deborah Schumacher	

Committee Meeting of January 22, 2024

*Prepared by: Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide Coordinator*

- The committee elections are complete for the 2024-2026 terms. Judge Ryan Sullivan will be leaving the committee and Judge Jessica Longley will be joining in her place.
- The national Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards has been updated. The first edition is complete and available for download; the second edition is partially complete with the remainder to be released within the next two months.
- The national conference, RISE24, will take place in May, in Anaheim, CA. The Nevada state coordinator will speak on a panel regarding peer review.
- The next peer review is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Adult Drug Court and will take place February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- The committee reviewed language from their policy guidebook regarding required licensure for treatment agencies in the state. This change should assist specialty courts in finding appropriate treatment agencies to treat specific disorders.
- The state coordinator is working with the Judicial Education division to plan the Nevada Specialty Court Conference in October of 2024. It will be held at The Nugget in Sparks, Nevada.
- The committee reviewed the budget with CFO Todd Myler and discussed changes for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The next Specialty Court Funding & Policy Committee meeting will be July 22, 2024, at 12p.m.

# TAB 5



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JOHN MCCORMICK  
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### FAMILY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

**Committee Members:**

Justice Patricia Lee, Chair  
Judge Stephen Bishop  
Judge Dixie Grossman

Judge Kriston Hill  
Judge Charles Hoskin  
Katherine Stocks

Judge Tod Young

Committee Report as of January 17, 2024

*Prepared by: Alicia Davis, Principal Court Management Consultant, NCSC*

Since its last report, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee has completed the report Identifying Family Court Process Needs and disseminated it among subcommittee members. This report will serve as the foundation for discussion for a strategic planning event scheduled for February 9. Members of the subcommittee, along with their court administrators, have been invited. It is expected that the resulting plan will be incorporated into the report and shared with the Judicial Council at its next meeting.

To coincide with the February 9 Strategic Planning, **Family Court Technology Roundtables** will be hosted at 75 Court Street, Reno the night before, with an informal dinner to follow.

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:45**

**Family Court Technology Roundtables (75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada, 89501)**

Join Nevada’s court technologists showcasing the latest advancements in Family Court Technology, with an informal dinner with colleagues in downtown Reno afterward.

This optional event, hosted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, will give you a first look at the innovative self-help tools and analytics being developed in Nevada. Explore e-filing, the Protection Order Portal, the Family Triage Guided Interview, and other developments.

If you are interested in more information about these events or the subcommittee, please contact Alicia Davis ([adavis@ncsc.org](mailto:adavis@ncsc.org)) or Jamie Gradick.

# TAB 6

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Friday, November 17, 2023

10:00 AM

Carlin, NV

*(Prepared by Jamie Gradick)*

Members Present:

Judge Michael Montero, Chair  
Judge Randall Soderquist (Vice-Chair)  
Judge Denise Fortune  
Judge Bill Gandolfo  
Judge Kriston Hill  
Judge Jim Loveless  
Judge Dee Primeaux  
Judge Kenneth Quirk  
Judge Mason Simons  
Judge Karen Stephens (Remote)

Guests Present:

AOC Staff Present  
Jamie Gradick

Members Absent (Excused):

Judge Kenneth Calton  
Judge Bryan Drake  
Judge Al Kacin  
Judge Kenneth Quirk

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Judge Rob Hoferer  
Judge Jim Shirley

I. Call to Order

- Judge Montero, as Council chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Determination of a Quorum

- A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Meeting Summaries

- The summary of the August 25, 2023 meeting was approved.

IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates

- Ms. Gradick reminded attendees of the AOC's upcoming statewide e-filing system. Attendees briefly discussed logistics and in what order courts would be added to the system.
- Ms. Gradick informed attendees that the Commission to Study Best Practices for Virtual Advocacy in Nevada's Courts has completed and submitted its final report and recommendations to the Nevada Supreme Court. A public hearing will be held soon.
  - Attendees briefly discussed feasibility concerns and remote access limitations in some of the rural counties.
- Ms. Gradick informed attendees that the AOC has been selected for a grant to provide cybersecurity needs and risks assessments in state courts. Funding is contingent upon program participation by enough Nevada courts. If interested in participating, please let Ms. Gradick know.
- Ms. Gradick informed attendees that the Supreme Court's website is being revamped; please let her know if you have any suggestions, concerns, or comments.
  - It would also be helpful to know for what purposes the website is being used and how it's, primarily, accessed (cell phone, desktop, etc.)
- Community Service Reports
  - Judge Fortune participated in the local high school's Homecoming festivities.
  - Judge Simons hosted middle school students and gave a presentation at the courthouse.
  - Attendees briefly discussed the National Judicial College's "Reading and Robes" program.
- Other Items and Discussion
  - Judge Loveless asked for input regarding how other courts are handling civil infractions when the defendant appears in court and no documentation, beyond the citation, is provided by law enforcement.
    - A suggestion was made to forward the hearing notice to the law enforcement officer, if they fail to attend, the citation is dismissed.
    - Attendees discussed treating the citation as an affidavit that's read into the record. The defendant is given the opportunity to present their side; most defendants admit but provide justification.
    - Law enforcement cannot take on the prosecutor's role; there's an "agent" exception to this in small-claims cases but not for civil infractions.

- A suggestion was made that the limited jurisdiction judges' association consider putting together a "task force" to review these issues and develop potential workarounds.
- Attendees discussed CDL masking and the "list" of items the DMV has said justice courts "cannot touch". A comment was made that masking requires a preponderance of the evidence at the evidentiary hearing.
- Attendees discussed DUI school and lack of resources that keeps many rural courts from participating.
  - Proposed regulations require training be conducted by licensed counselors, increases the hour requirement to 12, and calls for a evidence-based curriculum.
  - Attendees discussed the benefits of these changes but expressed concern regarding the inability of people to complete the training if access to licensed providers is limited in rural jurisdictions.
- Judge Fortune commented that her court's JAVS needs updating; she asked for input regarding systems other courts are using.
  - Some courts use Liberty GFJ Technologies. Judge Gandolfo commented that he uses the OWL, saves recordings on his court's servers, and then has recordings transcribed if they are requested.
- Judge Montero informed attendees that his term as chair of the Council is ending in December 2023; he will not be seeking another term as chair.
- Informational Documents
  - None provided.

## V. Future Meetings

- North Central Regional Judicial Council: TBD
- The next Judicial Council of the State of Nevada meeting will be December 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

## VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at noon.

# TAB 7



**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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**SUMMARY**

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, January 8, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Aliante Casino and Hotel

North Las Vegas, NV

*(Prepared by Jamie Gradick)*

<u>Members Present:</u> Judge Steven Dobrescu, Chair Judge Stephen Bishop Judge Mike Cowley Judge Michele Fiore Judge Danielle Johnson Judge Jennifer Klapper Judge Dorothy Rowley Judge William "Gus" Sullivan Judge Kirk Vitto	<u>Members Absent – Excused:</u> Judge Mike Coster
<u>Nevada Supreme Court Staff Present:</u> Jamie Gradick, Rural Courts Coordinator/Court Services Supervisor	<u>Members Absent – Unexcused:</u> Judge Gary Fairman Judge Nola Holton Judge Robert Lane Judge Kimberly Wanker

- I. Call to Order
  - Judge Sullivan, as vice-chair, convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Determination of Quorum
  - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summary
  - The summary of the June 19, 2023 meeting was approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates
  - Ms. Gradick reminded attendees that the ADKT 0581 Order Adopting Recommendations of the Commission to Study Best Practices for Virtual Advocacy in Nevada’s Courts was filed on December 22, 2023.
    - Rules go in effect February 1, 2024.
    - The Court will hold a public hearing in about six months to review the effectiveness and any concerns regarding the Rules.
    - Attendees discussed concerns regarding the feasibility of the requirements, particularly in the rural jurisdictions.
    - Attendees discussed evidentiary issues and the need to consistently educate on the procedures and processes.
    - Concern was expressed regarding a lack of proper courtroom respect and decorum among the parties during virtual hearings.
  - Ms. Gradick informed attendees the Nevada Supreme Court’s website is being revamped and asked for input regarding for what purposes attendees use the website and via what means they access it (mobile phone, tablet, etc.)?
    - Attendees reported challenges using the search feature and commented that navigating the website is difficult as the pages are “busy” and some contain broken links.
  - Ms. Gradick circulated the National Judicial College’s 2024 course calendar and reminded attendees of judicial education funding policies.
- Public Defender and Conflict Counsel Services
  - Attendees expressed concerns regarding the quality of defense services being provided by DIDS-appointed attorneys. Under the new structure, fewer attorneys are available and, usually, not properly prepared and/or trained for the cases they are handling.
    - There is concern that some attorneys are overcharging.
    - A comments was made that DIDS appointed an attorney with disciplinary charges to handle a murder case.
  - Concern was expressed regarding unresponsiveness from DIDS; voicing concerns “doesn’t work”.
- AB236 Impacts
  - Attendees briefly discussed the potential “devastating” impacts of this bill on specialty courts.
- Other/Discussion
  - Concern was expressed regarding difficulty in getting accurate CLE counts; a suggestion was made that COA forms be attached directly to registration emails when judges register for classes.
- Attendees Informational Documents
  - Ms. Gradick attached the NJC’s 2024 course schedule for reference.

V. Future Meetings

- The next South Central Regional Judicial Council meeting: June 24, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
- The next Judicial Council of the State of Nevada meeting: February 02, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



# TAB 8

**Judicial Council of the State of Nevada – Full Council  
Membership List**

<b><i>Nevada Appellate Courts</i></b>
Chief Justice Elissa Cadish (Chair) (1/2/24 – 12/31/24) Associate Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich (Vice Chair) (1/2/24 – 12/31/24) Judge Bonnie Bulla (1/2/24 – 12/31/24)
<b><i>Clark Region</i></b>
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese (Chair) (7/1/22 – 06/30/26) Judge Kelly Giordani (1/17/23 – 12/31/25) Judge Victor Miller (1/2/24 – 12/31/26) Judge Gloria Sturman (1/17/23 – 12/31/25) Judge Dawn Throne (1/17/23 – 12/31/25)
<b><i>North Central Region</i></b>
Judge Mason Simons (Chair) (1/2/24 – 12/31/26) Judge Randall Soderquist (1/2/24 – 12/31/26)
<b><i>Sierra Region</i></b>
Judge John Schlegelmilch (Chair) (1/2/23 – 12/31/25) Judge Eileen Herrington (1/2/23 – 12/31/25)
<b><i>South Central Region</i></b>
Judge Steven Dobrescu (Chair) (1/3/22 – 12/31/2024) Judge Stephen Bishop (1/2/24 – 12/31/26)
<b><i>Washoe Region</i></b>
Chief Judge Lynne Jones (Chair) (1/2/24 – 12/31/25) Chief Judge Kevin Higgins (1/2/23 – 12/31/25) Judge Shelly O’Neill (1/2/24 – 12/31/26)
<b><i>Ex-Officio Members</i></b>
Judge Joanna Kishner, President, Nevada District Judges Association (May 2023 – May 2024) Judge Natalie Tyrrell, President, Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction (Jan 2024 – Jan 2025) Alicia Lerud, Court Administrator, Second Judicial District Steven Grierson, Court Administrator, Eighth Judicial District Katherine Stocks, State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts

# TAB 9

**Judicial Council of the State of Nevada**

**2023 Council Meeting Attendance Record**

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	2/24/2023	5/12/2023	8/18/2023	12/1/2023
Associate Chief Justice Elissa Cadish	AB/UN	P	AB/UN	P
Judge Steven Dobrescu	P	P	P	P
Judge Shirle Eiting	P	P	P	AB/E
Chief Judge Michael Gibbons	AB/E	P	P	P
Judge Kelly Giordani	P	P	P	P
Judge Tom Gregory	P			
Steven Grierson	P	P	P	AB/UN
Judge Eileen Herrington	AB/UN	AB/E	P	P
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins	P	P	AB/UN	P
Chief Judge Lynne Jones	P	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Joanna Kishner		AB/E	AB/UN	P
Alicia Lerud	P	P	P	P
Judge Victor Miller	P	AB/UN	AB/UN	P
Judge Mike Montero	P	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge John Schlegelmilch	P	P	AB/UN	P
Judge Randall Soderquist	P	P	P	P
Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich	P	P	P	P
Katherine Stocks	P	P	AB/E	AB/E
Gloria Sturman	AB/E	P	P	P
Judge Gus Sullivan	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Dawn Throne	P	P	P	P
Judge Ryan Toone	P	P	P	P
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese	P	P	P	P

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member’s absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member’s absence was unexcused

Shaded: Meeting held outside member’s term

## Clark Regional Judicial Council

### 2023 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	3/9/2023	6/15/2023	8/24/2023 Canceled	11/2/2023 Canceled
Judge Anna Albertson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Alicia Albritton	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Nancy Allf	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Heidi Almase	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Tim Atkins	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Sunny Bailey	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Erika Ballou	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Veronica Barisich	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Samuel Bateman	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Jacqueline Bluth	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Joe Bonaventure	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Bert Brown	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Dedree Butler	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Cara Campbell	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Stephanie Charter	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Amy Chelini	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Tara Clark-Newberry	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Jeremy Cooley	AB/E	AB/E		
Chief Judge Cynthia Cruz	P	P		
Judge Christy Craig	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Nadin Cutter	P	AB/UN		
Judge Melisa De La Garza	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Kathleen Delaney	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Noreen Demonte	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Mark Denton	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Darryll Dodenbier	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Bryce Duckworth	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Crystal Eller	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Adriana Escobar	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Rhonda Forsberg	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Maria Gall	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Paul Gaudet	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Denise Gentile	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Stephen George	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge David Gibson Sr.	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge David Gibson Jr.	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Kelly Giordani	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Cynthia Giuliani	AB/E	AB/E		

	3/9/2023	6/15/2023	8/24/2023 Canceled	11/2/2023 Canceled
Judge Jessica Goodey	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Eric Goodman	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Gregory Gordon	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Elana Graham	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Joe Hardy Jr.	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Belinda Harris	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Bill Henderson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Richard Hill	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Mary Kay Holthus	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Kalani Hoo	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Charles Hoskin	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Ronald Israel	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Eric Johnson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Susan Johnson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Tierra Jones	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Cedric Kerns	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Courtney Ketter	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Carli Kierny	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Joanna Kishner	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Ruth Kolhoss	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Nadia Krull	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Michelle Leavitt	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Chris Lee	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Harmony Letizia	AB/E	AB/E		
Chief Judge Cynthia Leung	P	AB/UN		
Judge Jasmin Lilly-Spells	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Linda Marquis	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Amy Mastin	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Regina McConnell	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Michele Mercer	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Victor Miller	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Gregory Mills	P	AB/UN		
Judge Vincent Ochoa	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Mari Parlade	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Mary Perry	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Jessica Peterson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Margaret Pickard	P	AB/UN		
Judge Danielle Pieper-Chio	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Jacob Reynolds	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge T. Arthur Ritchie Jr.	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Stacy Rocheleau	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Susan Roger	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Melissa Saragosa	AB/E	AB/E		

	3/9/2023	6/15/2023	8/24/2023 Canceled	11/2/2023 Canceled
Judge Rebecca Saxe	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Jennifer Schwartz	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Joseph Sciscento	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Larry Shupe	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Gloria Sturman	P	AB/UN		
Judge Diana Sullivan	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Robert Teuton	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Dawn Throne	P	AB/UN		
Judge Ryan Toone	P	P		
Judge Monica Trujillo	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Natalie Tyrrell	AB/E	AB/E		
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese	P	P		
Judge Timothy Williams	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Amy Wilson	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Nadia Wood	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Bitia Yeager	AB/E	AB/E		
Judge Ann Zimmerman	AB/E	AB/E		

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member's absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member's absence was unexcused

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## North Central Regional Judicial Council

### 2023 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	2/24/2023	5/26/2023	8/25/23	11/17/23
Judge Kenny Calton	AB/E	P	P	AB/E
Judge Denise Fortune	P	P	P	P
Judge Bryan Drake	P	P	P	AB/E
Judge Bill Gandolfo	P	AB/UN	P	P
Judge Kriston Hill	AB/E	P	P	P
Judge Rob Hoferer	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Alvin Kacin	P	P	P	AB/E
Judge Jim Loveless	P	AB/E	P	P
Judge Mike Montero	P	AB/E	P	P
Judge Dee Primeaux	P	P	P	P
Judge Kenneth Quirk	AB/UN	P	P	AB/E
Judge Jim Shirley	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Mason Simons	P	P	P	P
Judge Randall Soderquist	P	P	P	P
Judge Karen Stephens	P	P	P	P

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member's absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member's absence was unexcused

Shaded: Meeting held outside member's term



## Sierra Regional Judicial Council

### 2023 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	1/13/23	4/14/23 Cancelled	7/14/23	10/13/23
Judge Leon Aberasturi	AB/E		AB/E	P
Judge Thomas Armstrong	P		P	AB/E
Judge Cheri Emm-Smith	AB/UN		P	AB/UN
Judge Paul Gilbert	AB/UN		P	AB/E
Judge Richard Glasson	AB/UN		AB/E	
Judge Thomas Gregory	AB/E		P	P
Judge Eileen Herrington	P		AB/E	P
Judge Michael K. Johnson				P
Judge Douglas Kassebaum	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Mike Lister	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Kristen Luis	P		P	P
Judge Lori Matheus	AB/E		AB/UN	P
Judge James Todd Russell	P		P	P
Judge John Schlegelmilch	P		P	P
Judge Tom Stockard	AB/UN		AB/E	AB/E
Judge Ben Trotter	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge James Wilson	AB/E		AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli	AB/E		AB/E	P
Judge Nathan Tod Young	AB/E		AB/E	P

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member's absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member's absence was unexcused

**Shaded:** Meeting held outside member's term

## South Central Regional Judicial Council

### 2023 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	1/23/23	6/19/23
Judge Stephen Bishop	P	P
Judge Kirk Vitto	P	P
Judge Michael Coster	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Mike Cowley	P	AB/E
Judge Steven Dobrescu	AB/E	P
Judge Gary Fairman	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Nola Holton	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Michele Fiore	P	P
Judge Danielle Johnson	P	P
Judge Jennifer Klapper	P	P
Judge Robert Lane	AB/E	AB/UN
Judge Dorothy Rowley	P	P
Judge William “Gus” Sullivan	P	P
Judge Kimberly Wanker	AB/UN	AB/UN

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member’s absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member’s absence was unexcused

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## Washoe Regional Judicial Council

### 2023 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

	3/8/2023	6/21/2023 Canceled	8/9/2023	11/1/2023
Judge Aimee Banales	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Kendra Bertschy	AB/UN		P	P
Judge Barry Breslow	AB/UN		AB/UN	P
Judge Justin Champagne				AB/UN
Judge David Clifton	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Paige Dollinger	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Gene Drakulich	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Kathleen Drakulich	AB/UN		AB/UN	P
Judge Shirle Eiting	P		P	P
Judge Erica Flavin	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Scott Freeman	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Terry Graham	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Dixie Grossman	AB/E		AB/UN	AB/E
Judge David Hardy	AB/UN		AB/E	AB/E
Judge Pierre A. Hascheff	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Christopher Hazlett-Stevens	AB/UN		P	P
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins	P		P	P
Chief Judge Lynne Jones	P		P	P
Judge Jessica Longley	P		P	AB/UN
Judge Cynthia Lu	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Chief Judge Shelly O’Neill	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Scott Pearson	P		P	AB/E
Judge Tammy Riggs	P		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Bridget Robb	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Tamatha Schreinert	P		AB/UN	P
Judge Kathleen Sigurdson	P		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge James Spoo	P		P	P
Judge Connie Steinheimer	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Ryan Katherine Sullivan	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge E. Alan Tiras	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Sandra Unsworth	AB/UN		AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Egan Walker	AB/UN		P	P
Judge Chris Wilson	P		P	AB/UN

**P:** Member was present

**AB/E:** Member’s absence was excused

**AB/UN:** Member’s absence was unexcused

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