

Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**Judicial Council of the State of Nevada**

**Date and Time of Meeting:** May 2, 2025, 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. February 14, 2025 (*Tab 1, pages 3-6*)
  
- III. Reports of Standing Committees (Reporting period: January 21<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - A. Court Administration Committee (*Tab 2, pages 7-8*)
  - B. Court Improvement Program (*Tab 3, pages 9-11*)
  - C. Legislative Committee (*Tab 4, pages 12-16*)
  - D. Specialty Court Funding Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  - E. Technology Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
  
- IV. Summaries of Regional Judicial Council Meetings (Reporting period: January 21<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - A. Clark Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 5, pages 17-19*)
  - B. North Central Judicial Council (*Tab 6, pages 20-23*)
  - C. Sierra Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 7, pages 24-27*)
  - D. South Central Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 8, pages 28-30*)
  - E. Washoe Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 9, pages 31-33*)
  
- V. Other Items/Discussion
  - A. Statewide Data Repository – *Ms. Katherine Stocks and Mr. Paul Embley*
  - B. Legislative Update – Committee Passage (First House) – *Judge Mason Simons*
  
- VI. Future Meetings
  - Friday, August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
  - Friday, November 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
  
- VII. Adjournment

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# TAB 1

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**Judicial Council of the State of Nevada**

February 14, 2025

1:00 p.m.

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Chief Justice Doug Herndon (Chair)  
Judge Steven Dobrescu  
Judge Kathleen Drakulich  
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins  
Judge Danielle Johnson - Proxy for  
    Judge Stephen Bishop  
Chief Judge Lynne Jones  
Alicia Lerud  
Judge Victor Miller  
Judge John Schlegelmilch  
Judge Mason Simons  
Judge Randall Soderquist  
Katherine Stocks  
Judge Gloria Sturman  
Judge Dawn Throne  
Judge Ryan Toone

**Guests Present**

Justice Elissa Cadish

**AOC Staff Present**

Mr. Paul Embley  
Ms. Stephanie Gouveia  
Ms. Almeda Harper  
Ms. Zaide Martinez

**Members Absent - Excused**

Judge Stephen Bishop  
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla  
Judge Kelly Giordani  
Judge Eileen Herrington  
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

**Members Absent - Unexcused**

Mr. Steven Grierson  
Judge Shelly O'Neill  
Associate Chief Justice Ron Parraguire  
(Vice-chair)

- I. Call to Order
  - Chief Justice Herndon, as chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
  - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The meeting summary from November 1, 2024, was unanimously approved.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees
  - Court Administration Committee
    - Ms. Stocks reminded the members to complete the Strategic Planning Survey and provided the link in the meeting chat.
  - Court Improvement Program (CIP)
    - Ms. Martinez highlighted specific items from the report included in the materials:
      - The CIP awarded seven subawards to Community Improvement Councils to address the dependency case backlog and improve preventative services for at-risk children and families.
      - The Committee had been working with Data Savvy to provide tailored court observation and research studies to volunteer sites.
      - CIP will host a hybrid training, *Essentials for Legal Professionals in 2025: Understanding substance Abuse Disorders*, in conjunction with the Fourth Judicial District's Community Improvement Council.
      - CIP was still working on the rules for dependency for the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Willcott will reach out to dependency judges to solicit suggestions and feedback.

- CIP Legislative Subcommittee submitted their BDR, with Assemblywoman Marzola acting as the sponsor.
  - The Community Improvement Council Summit will be held on September 17-19, 2025, in Reno, NV.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
  - Ms. Gouveia provided a brief overview of the report included in the materials.
    - The Specialty Courts Conference, held in October 2024, had the highest attendance to date, with 281 attendees.
    - Vacant membership positions have been filled.
    - A one-time funding surplus of \$400,000 will be distributed to courts through grant opportunities.
    - The Committee approved an increase in funding caps due to inflation.
    - The national conference, *RISE25*, will be held May 28-31, 2025, in Kissimmee, Florida. The AOC will be sending 35 attendees from across the state.
    - According to recent data, recidivism rates have steadily increased from 2019 to 2021.
      - ♦ Chief Justice Herndon asked what the recidivism rates had been prior to 2019.
        - Ms. Gouveia responded that the current numbers are increasing. She did not have data prior to 2019 but offered to request additional data from the drug court case management system.
  - Justice Cadish asked how much of the specialty court funding depended on federal government sources.
    - Ms. Gouveia responded that direct AOC funding had not been affected by executive orders. Some local courts have federal grants that had not yet been impacted, but the future of their funding remains uncertain. She is working with the Bureau of Justice Assistance to receive timely updates.

#### IV. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
  - No additional report outside of the meeting summary provided in the materials.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Simons commented that North Central Region had five new judges who had been invited to attend the last meeting in November and had also participated in the *New Judges Training* in Las Vegas.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Schlegelmilch reported that the Council was operating effectively.

#### V. Other Items/Discussion

- Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool Revalidation
  - Chief Justice Herndon explained that this topic was raised last year and that he intended to reinstate the committee to reassess the metrics for the NPRA tool. He planned to finalize the list of potential members and asked the present members to reach out to their districts for volunteers. Interested parties should send him an email informing him of their interest and if they were active in the original workgroup. He hoped to hold a virtual meeting in March.
    - Chief Judge Higgins noted discussions about developing separate domestic violence and DUI risk assessments.
    - Judge Miller shared that he had spoken with Dr. Austin approximately two years earlier, during which Dr. Austin expressed concerns about the appropriateness of revalidating his own data and offered to recommend a replacement.
    - Ms. Lerud shared that the Second Judicial District's pretrial services manager had obtained an estimate for revalidation costs for Washoe County and offered to provide the information to the Chair.
    - Judge Toone added that the Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's subcommittee had reached out to Harvard Law School, looking to revalidate the tool for Southern Nevada. He offered to provide the information to the Chair.

VI. Future Meetings

- Friday, May 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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**COURT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Members:

Katherine Stocks, Chair  
Melissa Bender  
Derek Boyle  
Nohemi Cardiel  
Chelsea Cathcart  
James Conway  
Maxine Cortes

Stormi Decker  
Steven Grierson  
Cindy Garcia  
Melissa Hall  
Veronica Lopez  
Juanita “Jenny” Martin  
Angelica Martin

Karen Powell  
Whitney Richardson  
Heidi Shaw  
Alisa Shoults  
Danielle Skiles  
Erin Tellez  
Shaniya Williams

Committee Meeting of January 23, 2025

*Prepared by Margarita Bautista, Staff to Court Administration Committee*

- Since the last report, the JCSN Court Administration Committee met on January 23, 2025.
- Mr. McCormick gave a legislative update stating he was currently tracking 106 of the 232 BDR’s.
- Chair Stocks shared that the first Strategic Planning Workgroup was finalizing its work and would either broaden or fine-tune its focus for the next plan. It was also mentioned that the survey would be sent out to all court employees, judges, lawyers and court administrators. This survey would assist with the strategic planning for the next three years, 2026-2028.
- Chair Stocks proposed creating a hard copy educational content workgroup based off the strategic plan and put the idea out to Court Administrators to reach out to Ms. Bautista, committee staff, if interested.
- Updates were given on the Records Retention ADKT, CMS and E-File projects, Continuous Learning plan, upcoming courthouse visits, judicial directory and newly elected limited jurisdiction judges list, family court liaison, financial disclosures and annual reporting.
- Open discussion included questions about the Strategic plan survey and a potential for a legislative review of all bills once legislative session ends.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 02:00pm.

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**COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee Members:**

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

Wonswayla Mackey  
John McCormick  
Jennifer Merideth  
Judge Michael Montero  
Magistrate Kimberly Okezie  
Buffy Okuma  
Karen Perez

Jennifer Rains  
Kate Schmidt  
Jennifer Spencer  
Stacy Stahl  
Magistrate Alison Testa  
Janice Wolf

Committee Meeting of April 4, 2025

*May 2, 2025, JCSN Prepared by: Zaide Martinez, Court Improvement Program Officer*

- CIP Select Committee and Dependency Rules Development: In July 2024, CIP contracted with Judge Ashley Willcott as a consultant to develop dependency rules for the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure (NRCP) that align with federal timeframes and address the specific needs of dependency proceedings. CIP is working with legal experts on Nevada’s Dependency process and facilitating forums for stakeholder feedback.
- Data Savvy and CIP are working on finalizing a report on reasonable efforts, findings, and recommendations to enhance practice, including practical tools for courts. Sites that participated in the case file review received site-specific findings. Additionally, we will share a report on the Nevada Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program, including lessons learned and next steps. We’ll also use JCAMP data to create a summary showing how court data supports the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process and highlights best practices and areas for improvement.
- The CIP Legislative Subcommittee Bill (AB334) was heard before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on March 21, 2025. Amendments to AB344 were made and submitted to CIP's sponsor.
- In conjunction with the Fourth CIC, CIP held a training session on *Addictions and Attorney Wellbeing* with Dr. Melissa Piasecki on February 20, 2025.
- CIP is partnering with Casey Family Programs to host an in-person training series, *Supporting Meaningful Permanency for Non-Citizen Children & Families*, in May 2025. Please contact CIP for additional details.
- The Annual Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program Training will be held on May 29-30, 2025.

- CIP is working closely with the Children’s Bureau and agency partners to prepare for Round 4 of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). CIP is assisting with the dissemination of three surveys: Youth, Parent, and Judicial and Legal Stakeholder surveys. Responses will be collected until April 15, 2025.
- CIP and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Analytics finalized the updated CFS755 Timeliness Report.
- CIP and the Family’s Program Office (FPO) have been collaborating on the IV-Eligibility Language Report to support the implementation of the 432B statewide court order templates.
- CIP will soon initiate its 432B Academy efforts, with an anticipated launch date in Spring 2026. CIP will be reaching out to stakeholders to participate in the workgroup for curriculum development. If you are interested in contributing, please contact CIP.
- The 2025 Community Improvement Council (CIC) Summit dates have been set and will be held at the Atlantis Casino in Reno, Nevada. The CIC Summit dates are as follows:
  - September 17, 2025, Judicial Roundtable
  - September 18-19, 2025, CIC General Summit for all CIC stakeholders

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**Legislative Committee**

April 7, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

*Summary Prepared by: Martina Schambra*

**Members Present**

Chief Justice Herndon (Chair)  
Judge Kendra Bertschy  
Judge Stephen Bishop  
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla  
Justice Elisa Cadish  
Judge Kathleen Drakulich  
Rebecca Edwards  
Jessica Ferrato

Judge Jessica Goodey  
Steve Grierson  
Mike Hillerby  
Chief Judge Lynn Jones  
Alicia Lerud  
Charles Mapp  
John McCormick  
Andres Moses

Judge Dorothy Rowley  
Judge John Schlegelmilch  
Judge Randall Soderquist  
Joe Tommasino  
Judge Ryan Toone  
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese  
Judge Todd Young

**AOC Staff**

Paul Embley  
Martina Schambra

**Guests**

Hans Jessup  
Judge Bridget Robb

I. Call to Order

- Chief Justice Herndon, as Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
- Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was present.
- The March 24, 2025, and March 31, 2025, meeting summaries were approved as presented.

II. Supreme Court Bills

- [AB3](#) – Increases the monetary threshold for mandatory nonbinding arbitration in civil actions.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick stated that he hopes to see AB3 as part of a work session later this week, as April 11<sup>th</sup> is the first committee passage deadline.
- [AB13](#) – Revises provisions relating to criminal justice.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick had no news to report on AB13, but he is watching to see if it will be part of a work session later this week.
- [AB18](#) – Revises provisions relating to the electronic filing of certain documents.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that he hopes to see AB18 move to a work session prior to Friday. He noted that the policy analyst for the Assembly Committee on Judiciary commented that the committee is trying to get bills with amendments to work session before those without amendments.
- [AB65](#) – Revises provisions relating to guardianship.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that an amendment to AB65 was sent to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary. An agreement was not reached with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada regarding the provision in Section 7 of the bill related to providing proof of service seven days in advance of a hearing.

- [AB66](#) – Revises provisions relating to district courts.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that AB66 has received a notice of eligibility for exemption but has not yet been declared exempt. Mr. McCormick was unsure if there was momentum behind the bill to move it out of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and believed the more likely scenario to be getting the bill declared exempt.
  - ♦ Judge Drakulich requested clarification on the influence of committee chairs on whether a bill is declared exempt or not. Mr. McCormick stated that policy committee chairs generally do not have influence over fiscal exemptions.
- [SB13](#) – Revises provisions relating to exoneration of bail.
  - ♦ The Senate Committee on Judiciary voted unanimously to “Amend and Do Pass” SB13 on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported an amendment is to be drafted prior to the bill being put on the floor before the April 22<sup>nd</sup> first house passage deadline.
- [SB17](#) – Revises provisions relating to specialty courts.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that the amendment drafted by Judge Bertschy addressed the Governor’s Office’s concerns, and the Nevada District Attorneys Association seems to no longer be in opposition to the bill. The amendment has been sent to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.
  - ♦ SB17 is scheduled for a work session before the Senate Committee on Judiciary on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- [SB20](#) – Revises provisions relating to criminal procedure.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that an amendment has been sent to the Senate Committee on Judiciary that removes the “dangling misdemeanor” portions of the bill and retains language in Section 2 regarding court reporters recording death penalty preliminary hearings, with a provision detailing the retention period for the recordings. Additionally, a provision was added to remove the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services provide jury lists.

### III. Other Bills of Interest

- [AB97](#) – Revises requirements related to reporting of information to the DPS Repository.
  - ♦ AB97 had a work session before the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on March 24<sup>th</sup>, where the Committee voted unanimously to “Amend and Do Pass” the bill.
- [AB141](#) – Revises provisions relating to the Judicial Department of the State Government.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that Assemblymember Duy Nguyen’s amendment to AB141 does not sufficiently address the judicial branch’s concerns regarding the bill.
  - ♦ Judge Drakulich posited the scenario in which a judge in a rural judicial district fails to pass the judicial test as presented in AB141, leaving the district court without a judge and the voters disenfranchised.
  - ♦ Mr. Hillerby stated that a memo from the bill’s sponsor, Assemblymember Duy Nguyen, claimed that the amendment had input from all stakeholders in its creation; it did not. Ms. Ferrato and Ms. Barnes have a meeting with Assemblymember Brittney Miller, chair of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, and will communicate that the judicial branch had no input on the amendment.
  - ♦ Judge Robb inquired about the need for a fiscal note on the bill. Mr. McCormick responded that before a fiscal note could be provided, the amendment would first need to be adopted.
- [AB146](#) – Revises provisions relating to the fundamental rights of parents.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that AB146 will likely die on April 11<sup>th</sup> unless it receives a hearing.
- [AB173](#) – Revises provisions relating to judicial office.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that AB173 will likely die on April 11<sup>th</sup> unless it receives a hearing.

- [AB216](#) – Revises provisions relating to domestic violence.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that while he has not yet seen an amendment to AB216, after conversations with bill sponsor Assemblymember Melissa Hardy he believes that the concerns regarding training to be conducted by the Administrative Office of the Courts will be addressed.
- [AB218](#) – Requires the Court Administrator and each court in this State to establish a program to send certain communications regarding court proceedings by text message.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that he is awaiting the amendment to AB218, which he expects prior to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> first house passage deadline.
- [AB233](#) – Revises provisions relating to courts.
  - ♦ There was no news to report; AB233 will continue to be tracked.
- [AB264](#) – Revises provisions relating to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses.
  - ♦ The Assembly Committee on Judiciary voted unanimously to “Amend and Do Pass” AB264 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ♦ Mr. Hillerby reported that the bill would need further work once it reached the Senate.
- [AB283](#) – Revises provisions governing certain actions and proceedings relating to real property.
  - ♦ There was no news to report; AB283 will continue to be tracked.
- [AB302](#) – Revises provisions relating to criminal procedure.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that he believes the mandatory language in the bill can be updated to discretionary instead.
- [AB320](#) – Revises provisions related to criminal justice.
  - ♦ AB320 is scheduled for a work session before the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- [AB321](#) – Revises provisions relating to offenders.
  - ♦ AB321 is scheduled for a work session before the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- [AB344](#) – Revises provisions relating to the judiciary.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick believes that the bill will likely move out of committee before April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - ♦ Judge Robb noted that Section 27 of the bill adds language regarding transferring venues for child welfare civil proceedings. Judge Young worried the language would result in forum shopping. Mr. McCormick stated that he does not know if he will have the opportunity to work on the bill’s language before April 11<sup>th</sup> but certainly will once AB344 reaches the Senate Committee on Judiciary.
- [AB361](#) – Makes various changes relating to public mass transportation.
  - ♦ AB361 will no longer be tracked on the agenda.
  - ♦ Section 2 of AB361 was removed via amendment.
- [AB488](#) – Revises provisions relating to criminal convictions of certain victims.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has provided a \$1.2 million fiscal note for this bill. He is attempting to discuss the constitutionality of the bill with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).
- [AB490](#) – Revises provisions related to courts.
  - ♦ AB490 was heard before the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- [AB520](#) – Revises provisions relating to adoption.
  - ♦ Judge Robb brought AB520 to the attention of the Committee, as it included mandatory language in the bill relating to the use of remote-technology within a court.
- [SB30](#) – Revises provisions governing requests for public information relating to parole.
  - ♦ There was no news to report; SB30 will continue to be tracked.
- [SB109](#) – Revises provisions governing legislative measures that are authorized to be requested for a regular legislative session.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick does not anticipate SB109 receiving a hearing prior to the April 11<sup>th</sup> first committee passage deadline.

- [SB120](#) – Revises provisions relating to the administration of justice.
  - ♦ There was no news to report; SB120 will continue to be tracked.
- [SB275](#) – Revises provisions relating to domestic relations.
  - ♦ SB275 was heard before the Senate Committee on Judiciary on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that the AOC has posted a fiscal note for the bill. The Family Law Section and trial lawyers of the State Bar of Nevada, the Clark County Public Defender’s Office, the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, and the Fines and Fees Justice Center are all in opposition to the bill.
- [SB283](#) – Makes appropriations to Clark County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks for programs for rental assistance to certain persons.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick predicted that SB283 would not be heard until after the Economic Forum on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- [SB359](#) – Makes various changes relating to traffic offenses.
  - ♦ SB359 was heard before the Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- [SB390](#) – Revises provisions relating to the support of children.
  - ♦ Judge Robb brought SB390 to the attention of the Committee, as it included language related to mandatory findings of fact.
- [SB418](#) – Revises provisions relating to the collection of delinquent contributions by the Public Employees' Retirement System.
  - ♦ SB418 was heard before the Senate Committee on Government Affairs on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- [SB432](#) – Revises provisions relating to privacy.
  - ♦ SB432 is scheduled to be heard before the Senate Committee on Judiciary on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- [SB457](#) – Revises provisions relating to public safety.
  - ♦ Mr. Jessup brought SB457 to the attention of the Committee.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that SB457 already has five fiscal notes attached and was granted a waiver for the April 11<sup>th</sup> first committee passage deadline.
- [AJR8](#) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for the establishment of a business court.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that AJR8 was withdrawn from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and moved to the Chief Clerk’s desk on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- [SJR2](#) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to elections involving incumbent justices or judges who are unopposed.
  - ♦ Mr. McCormick does not anticipate SJR2 receiving a hearing prior to the April 11<sup>th</sup> first committee passage deadline.

IV. Discussion

- Judge Bertschy reported that she and Judge Goodey testified in neutral regarding their eviction diversion courts during the April 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly Committee on Ways and Means hearing for [AB475](#).

V. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

# TAB 5

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**Clark Regional Judicial Council**

March 11, 2025

Noon

*Summary prepared by Martina Schambra*

**Voting Members Present**

Chief Judge Jerry Wiese (Chair)  
Judge Ryan Toone (Vice Chair)  
Judge Gino Briscoe  
Judge Darryll Dodenbier  
Judge Kelly Giordani  
Judge Christian Jeter  
Judge Ruth Kolhos  
Judge Chris Lee  
Judge Victor Miller  
Chief Judge Barbara Schifalacqua  
Judge Dawn Throne  
Judge Chris Tilman

**Members Present**

Judge Anna Albertson  
Judge Veronica Barisich  
Judge Christy Craig  
Judge Noreen DeMonte  
Judge Sandy DiGiacomo  
Judge Rhonda Forsberg  
Judge David Gibson  
Judge Jessica Goodey  
Judge Gregory Gordon  
Judge Ruth Kolhoss  
Judge Nadia Krall  
Judge Margaret Pickard  
Judge Stacy Rocheleau

**Guests Present**

Ms. Melissa Bender

**AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Martina Schambra

**Absent Excused**

Judge Alicia Albritton  
Judge Melisa De La Garza  
Judge Kalani Hoo  
Judge Gregor Mills  
Judge Larry Shupe  
Judge Gloria Sturman

- I. Call to Order
  - Chief Judge Wiese called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
  - Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Approval of Meeting Summary
  - The October 23, 2024, meeting summary was approved as presented.
- III. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
  - AOC Updates
    - Mandy Walker joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as an Administrative Assistant on December 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Charlene Boegle has left the Court Resources and Support Unit to become the Supreme Court's Special Events Facilitator.
    - Lupie Janos joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as the Family Court Liaison on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - ♦ New eFiling Kiosks
    - New eFiling Kiosks were installed in the Appellate court buildings for a short test period. They are to be rolled out to courthouses across Nevada soon.
  - ♦ Brazos Support Portal
    - The Brazos system support email was deactivated in January and replaced with a new portal-based system. The AOC's Trial Court Service Desk sent an email to all the courts on January 23rd which included set-up instructions.
  - ♦ ADKT 0410

- The Nevada Supreme Court amended the Nevada Courts Administrative Records Retention Schedule on February 21<sup>st</sup>. This updated Records Retention Schedule creates standards for the retention, storage and destruction of records.
- ♦ Nevada Bar Integration with CourtView
  - The Administrative Offices of the Courts' Trial Court Applications Team announced a new integration with the Nevada Bar Association specifically for limited jurisdiction courts. The new update automatically uploads attorney details such as addresses, phone numbers and emails directly into CourtView.
- ADKT 0619 Quarterly Discussion
  - ♦ Chief Judge Wiese opened discussion by stating there was no uniform way of tracking informal family trials. The Council agreed.
  - ♦ Judge Gordon stated that his court has reached out several times to IT about setting up a tracking system but has not received a response. Currently, he expects judges to do their own record-keeping. Judge Gordon noted for the Council that the Judge's Workgroup formed by the ad-hoc Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) Family Subcommittee is responsible for compiling a report for the Supreme Court by November.
  - ♦ Overall, feedback on the informal family trials was positive.
- Record on Appeal from Lower Courts to District Courts
  - ♦ There was discussion amongst the Council regarding [Nev. EDCR 9.06](#) and its lack of clarity in forwarding transcripts upon appeal. Chief Judge Wiese proposed that the Council agree that any appeals from justice or municipal courts have their transcripts sent to the district court automatically.
    - Judge Goodey noted from previous discussion that if the judge reviewing the appeal wants the transcript, they can order the appellant to acquire it.
- Other Discussion
  - ♦ Judge Toone offered to connect any interested limited jurisdiction judges with the legislative committees he is currently involved with if they wish to be more involved. He also shared his appreciation for the AOC making it possible for a number of judges and staff to attend the All Rise conference.

#### IV. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Friday, February 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Elko, NV

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Judge Mason Simons, Chair  
Judge Randall Soderquist, Vice-Chair  
Judge Bryan Drake  
Judge Bill Gandolfo  
Judge Kriston Hill  
Judge Brandy Holbrook  
Judge Karry Larramendy  
Judge Mike Mavity  
Judge Michael Montero  
Judge Spencer Roberts  
Judge Jim Shirley

**Guests Present**

Ms. Melissa Hall

**AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Almeda Harper  
Ms. Mandy Walker

**Members Absent - Excused**

Judge Kenneth Calton  
Judge Al Kacin  
Judge Darrell Mancebo  
Judge Kenneth Quirk

**Members Absent - Unexcused**

- I. Call to Order
  - Judge Simons, as Council chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
  - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summaries
  - The summaries of the August 23, 2024, and November 22, 2024, meetings were approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
  - AOC Updates
    - Ms. Harper informed the members that Mandy Walker joined the Court Resources and Support Unit (CRSU) as an Administrative Assistant on December 30<sup>th</sup>, and Lupie Janos joined the CRSU on February 18<sup>th</sup> as the new Family Court Liaison.
    - Ms. Harper informed the members that new eFiling self-help kiosks were installed in the Appellate Courts for a trial run and will be deployed to all courts in the near future. The footprint is roughly 3'x4' and includes the kiosk and a printer/scanner.
    - Ms. Harper stated that the Brazos system support email would be deactivated in January and replaced with a new portal-based system. The Trial Court Service Desk sent an email to all courts on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, which included set-up instructions.
    - Ms. Harper informed the members that CourtView was updated to include a new tickler report for cases involving charges with automatic sealing provisions. An email outlining recent changes, along with instructions and a list of affected Nevada Offense Codes, was sent to all courts on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Ms. Harper informed the members that the Trial Court Applications Team announced a new integration with the NV Bar Association specifically for limited jurisdiction courts. The new update will automatically upload attorney details directly into CourtView, making it easier to manage attorney records.
- Search Warrants
  - Members discussed the warrant processing program, CloudGavel.
    - Judge Roberts shared that the state has a paid account, allowing all officers to use the program for DUI warrants. Courts and local law enforcement agencies can pay to use the program for other warrants. The program is user-friendly, offers multiple templates that can be shared across the state, and transfers well to CourtView. Nevada Highway Patrol, as well as Washoe and Clark Counties, are currently using the program. His court enrolled in the program for additional warrants and split the cost with the County Sheriff's office.
    - Judge Drake has used the program and found it to be user-friendly. Warrants can be reviewed and signed electronically, but notes, such as case numbers, could only be added after signing.
    - Judge Soderquist explained that CloudGavel confused unsworn declarations with sworn affidavits during a demo of the program. He tried to work with the staff to correct the confusion. The Supreme Court published a decision (*Deva One Smith vs. The State of Nevada*, March 2024) stating that an unsworn declaration can be used when a sworn affidavit is required.
  - Judge Drake shared that he was contacted by law enforcement during a traffic stop and asked for advice on whether the officer should issue a warrant. He explained that this is not something a judge should take part in.
    - Judge Simons reiterated that warrants should be reviewed by a neutral and detached magistrate, therefore, judges should not offer advice. He recommended the *Search and Seizure Handbook* as a useful reference and offered to share his electronic copy.
- Community Service Reports
  - Judge Gandolfo participated in "Civics Day", where local schools visited various government entities. He also participated in "Reading in Robes".
    - Judge Montero asked the attendees if they were aware of any resources for obtaining appropriate books for "Reading in Robes", as the National Judicial College (NJC) has not been able to fund the program.
      - ◆ Judge Gandolfo uses personal funds for his program.
      - ◆ Judge Simons spoke with Susan Robinson at the NJC and discovered that they lost grant funding and could no longer assist with the program. He suggested reaching out to Nevada Gold Mines to request a donation.
  - Judge Montero was a guest speaker at the local high school and hosted a student visit to the courthouse.
  - Judge Simons discussed criminal justice and the jury trial process with high school students. The Student Council Leadership Class visited the courthouse, and he also presented on the American Revolution to all eighth-grade students at Spring Creek Middle School.
- Other Items and Discussion
  - The members discussed various Legislative bills including [AB66](#) and [SB187](#).
  - Judge Simons invited the newly elected judges to discuss any pressing issues.
    - Judge Larramendy sought the members' advice on requesting that NHP include additional notes in their reports.
      - ◆ Judge Simons suggested reviewing [ADKT 0620](#), Establishing the Nevada Rules for Civil Traffic Infractions in the Justice and Municipal Courts.
  - Judge Montero asked how many lay judges there are in the state.
    - Judge Soderquist offered to share the information with Judge Montero.

- Informational Documents
  - Members were issued new DIDS rates in the meeting materials.

V. Future Meetings

- The next Judicial Council of the State of Nevada meeting will be held remotely on May 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- The next North Central Regional Judicial Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Carlin, NV.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**SIERRA REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Friday, January 24, 2025

12:00 PM

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Judge John Schlegelmilch, Chair  
Judge Eileen Herrington, Vice-chair  
Judge Leon Aberasturi  
Judge Tom Armstrong  
Judge Melanie Bruketta  
Judge Thomas Gregory  
Judge Michael Johnson  
Judge Kristin Luis  
Judge Lori Matheus  
Judge Pete Spinuzzi  
Judge Tom Stockard  
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli  
Judge Jason Woodbury  
Judge Tod Young

**Members Absent - Excused**

Judge Cheri Emm-Smith  
Judge Laurie Trotter

**Members Absent - Unexcused**

Judge Mike Lister  
Judge Ben Trotter

**Guests Present**

Ms. Maxine Cortes  
Ms. Rebecca Edwards

**AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Almeda Harper

- I. Call to Order
  - Judge Schlegelmilch, as chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
  - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The summary of the October 4, 2024, meeting was approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
  - AOC Updates
    - Ms. Harper informed the members that Mandy Walker joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as an Administrative Assistant on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Ms. Harper informed the members that new eFiling, self-help kiosks had been installed in the Appellate Courts for a trial run and would be deployed to all courts in the near future. The footprint is roughly 3'x4' and includes the kiosk and a printer/scanner. A photo of the setup was distributed to the members after the meeting.
  - Judge Schlegelmilch added that the AOC would be installing the eFiling kiosk in his court soon and would customize the unit to integrate into the court's eFlex system.
- Ms. Harper informed the members that Brazos system support email would be deactivated in January and replaced with a new portal-based system. The Trial Court Service Desk sent an email to all courts on January 23, 2025, which included set-up instructions.
- Ms. Harper stated that the Trial Court Applications Team announced a new integration with the NV Bar Association specifically for limited jurisdiction courts. The new update would automatically upload attorney details directly into CourtView, making it easier to manage attorney records.
- NRS 432B Appointment of Attorneys and Court Reporters
  - Ms. Cortes commented that the Frist JD had been experiencing attorney shortages for 432B cases and inquired whether other districts faced similar issues and how they addressed the situation.
    - Judge Schlegelmilch shared that the Third JD had a contract with Northern Nevada Legal Aid, which provided representation for all children involved in the case unless there was a conflict of interest. They also had a county contract that ensured representation for at least one of the parents. If necessary, the court appointed attorneys for the other parent using a rotating pool of willing attorneys.
  - Judge Lewis asked the members how they obtained court reporters for criminal jury trials and whether defense attorneys filed appeals when a court reporter did not appear in person.
    - Judge Schlegelmilch stated that his court had an annual contract with Capital Reporters, which covered all criminal proceedings. The court allows law and motion reporting to be conducted remotely through JAVS.
      - Judge Young added that his court had a similar contract.
    - Judge Stockard shared that the Tenth JD had experienced similar issues, but their contract, similar to the Third JD's, had been successful. The court used AV recordings via JAVS for most criminal proceedings. Instead of issuing an administrative order, he explained the specific details of when a hearing would be recorded in person or via JAVS on the record. He added that attorneys have not appealed cases due to a lack of in-person court reporters.
    - Judge Young added that Clark County employs a full-time court reporter.

- Community Service Reports/Updates
  - Judge Matthews swore in officials for the fire department.
  - Judge Woodbury and Judge Luis swore in officials in Story County and Carson City.
  - Judge Schlegelmilch swore in the officials of Lyon County.
  - Judge Young and Judge Gregory swore in newly elected Justices of the Peace and county officials.
  - Judge Armstrong presented his annual leadership class on Justice Court Operations to the local Chamber of Commerce.
- Other Items/Discussion
  - Members were issued new DIDS rates in the meeting materials.
  - Judge Stockard asked whether there were any bills that needed to be tracked for the upcoming Legislative Session.
    - Judge Schlegelmilch reported that the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada had not yet met but provided brief details about the bills submitted by the Appellate Courts.

V. Future Meetings

- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council: May 9, 2025, in Gardnerville/Minden, at Noon

VI. Adjournment

- Judge Schlegelmilch adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, January 27, 2025  
CasaBlanca Resort and Casino  
Mesquite, NV  
4:00 PM

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Judge Steven Dobrescu, Chair  
Judge Stephen Bishop, Vice-chair  
Judge Mike Cowley  
Judge Danielle Johnson  
Judge Jennifer Klapper  
Judge Dorothy Rowley  
Judge William “Gus” Sullivan  
Judge Kirk Vitto

**Members Absent – Excused**

Judge Mike Coster

**Members Absent – Unexcused**

Judge Gary Fairman  
Judge Robert Lane  
Judge Kimberly Wanker

**Guests Present**

Ms. Whitney Richardson

**AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Almeda Harper

- I. Call to Order
  - Judge Dobrescu, as chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
- II. Determination of Quorum
  - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The summary of the June 24, 2024, meeting was approved.
  - The summary of the January 8, 2024, was tabled for a future meeting.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
  - AOC Updates
    - Ms. Ms. Harper informed the members that Mandy Walker joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as an Administrative Assistant on December 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Ms. Harper informed the members that new eFiling self-help kiosks were installed in the Appellate Courts for a trial run and will be deployed to all courts in the near

future. The footprint is roughly 3'x4' and includes the kiosk and a printer/scanner. A photo of the setup was distributed to the members after the meeting.

- Ms. Harper stated that the Brazos system support email would be deactivated in January and replaced with a new portal-based system. The Trial Court Service Desk sent an email to all courts on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, which included set-up instructions.
- Ms. Harper informed the members that the Trial Court Applications Team announced a new integration with the NV Bar Association specifically for limited jurisdiction courts. The new update will automatically upload attorney details directly into CourtView, making it easier to manage attorney records.
- Informational Documents
  - Members were issued new DIDS rates in the meeting materials.

V. Future Meetings

- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council: June 23, 2025, in Gardnerville, at 4:00 p.m.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS  
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK  
Assistant Court Administrator

**Washoe Regional Judicial Council**

February 19, 2025

Noon

*Summary prepared by: Martina Schambra*

**Voting Members Present**

Chief Judge Lynne Jones (Chair)  
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins (Vice Chair)  
Chief Judge Justin Champagne  
Judge Shirle Eiting

**Guests Present**

Ms. Alicia Lerud

**AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Martina Schambra

**Members Present**

Judge Kendra Bertschy  
Judge Robert DeLong  
Judge Erica Flavin  
Judge Dixie Grossman  
Judge Tamatha Schreinert  
Judge Kathleen Sigurdson  
Judge Chris Wilson

**Voting Members Absent**

Judge Terry Graham  
Judge Egan Walker

**Absent Excused**

Judge Barry Breslow  
Judge Cynthia Lu  
Judge Melissa Mangiaracina  
Judge Connie Steinheimer  
Chief Judge Ryan Katherine Sullivan  
Judge Sandra Unsworth

- I. Call to Order
  - Chief Judge Jones called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
- II. Call of Roll and Determination of Quorum Status
  - Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was not present, however, the Chair elected to proceed with the meeting as information only.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summary
  - There being no quorum, the summaries were not approved.
- IV. AOC Updates
  - Personnel Updates
    - ♦ Mandy Walker joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as an Administrative Assistant on December 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - ♦ Charlene Boegle has left the Court Resources and Support Unit to become the Supreme Court's Special Events Facilitator.
    - ♦ Lupie Janos joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as the Family Court Liaison on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - New eFiling Kiosks
    - ♦ New eFiling Kiosks were installed in the Appellate court buildings for a short test period. They are to be rolled out to courthouses across Nevada soon.
  - Brazos Support Portal
    - ♦ The Brazos system support email was deactivated in January and replaced with a new portal-based system. The AOC's Trial Court Service Desk sent an email to all the courts on January 23rd which included set-up instructions.

- Nevada Bar Integration with CourtView
  - ♦ The Administrative Offices of the Courts' Trial Court Applications Team announced a new integration with the Nevada Bar Association specifically for limited jurisdiction courts. The new update automatically uploads attorney details such as addresses, phone numbers, and emails directly into CourtView.

## V. Discussion and Action Items

- Court Updates
  - ♦ Second Judicial District Court – *Chief Judge Lynne Jones*
    - The Second Judicial District Court is pushing forward on a new courthouse through a public-private partnership, with a consultant having also been obtained.
    - Chief Judge Jones suggested that all members of the Council keep informed on legislative matters. She referenced [AB66](#), a bill submitted by the Supreme Court that would increase the number of district judges in certain districts based upon population.
  - ♦ Reno Justice Court – *Judge Kendra Bertschy*
    - An eviction diversion court is currently being piloted, with funding from the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development Department. 46 households were assisted between August 2024 and November 2024; according to a survey conducted by the City of Reno, 80% of those assisted remain housed. Through a partnership with Nation's Finest four additional households were assisted; 100% of those individuals remain housed.
  - ♦ Reno Municipal Court – *Chief Judge Justin Champagne*
    - Reno Municipal Court is currently implementing the Omnigo digital evidence management software.
    - The court is working with the AOC to integrate its automatic reporting system to the data repository.
    - The court will be implementing an eFiling kiosk in the future.
    - Chief Judge Jones asked if attorneys or self-representing litigants would need to have all their evidence presented digitally and uploaded to Omnigo moving forward.
      - Chief Judge Champagne responded that an attorney will still be able to hand in physical evidence. Evidence will be digitized and uploaded to Omnigo and can be done either prior to a hearing or afterwards.
  - ♦ Sparks Justice Court – *Chief Judge Kevin Higgins*
    - Sparks Justice Court held a jury trial the previous week.
    - In reference to legislation Chief Judge Higgins is tracking, [SB191](#) was noted, which would prohibit anyone without a certificate of registration as a court reporter from the Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada from video recording certain proceedings.
    - Sparks Justice Court no longer has a recycling container, part of larger budgetary concerns that have also seen cleaning staff cut back.
- Open Mic Time
  - ♦ The Council welcomed Judge DeLong.

## VI. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.