

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: February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

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

In-person:

<i>Carson City</i>	<i>Las Vegas</i>	<i>Elko</i>
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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. November 1, 2024 (**Tab 1, pages 3-5**)
- III. Reports of Standing Committees (Reporting period: October 10th – January 20th)
 - A. Court Administration Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
 - B. Court Improvement Program (**Tab 2, pages 6-8**)
 - C. Legislative Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
 - D. Specialty Court Funding Committee (**Tab 3, pages 9-10**)
 - E. Technology Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
 - F. Ad Hoc Family Subcommittee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
- IV. Summaries of Regional Judicial Council Meetings (Reporting period: October 10th – January 20th)
 - A. Clark Regional Judicial Council (**Tab 4, pages 11-13**)
 - B. North Central Judicial Council (**Tab 5, pages 14-17**)
 - C. Sierra Regional Judicial Council (**Tab 6, pages 18-21**)
 - D. South Central Regional Judicial Council – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
 - E. Washoe Regional Judicial Council – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
- V. Other Items/Discussion
 - A. Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool Revalidation
- VI. Informational Materials
 - A. 2025 Judicial Council Membership (**Tab 7, pages 22-23**)
 - B. 2024 Attendance Records (**Tab 8, pages 24-32**)

VII. 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.

VIII. Adjournment

Notices

- Action items are noted by * and typically include, approval, denial, and/or postponement of specific items. Certain items may be referred to a subcommittee for additional review and action.
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TAB 1

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

November 1, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Chief Justice Elissa Cadish (Chair)
Judge Stephen Bishop
Judge Bonnie Bulla
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Kelly Giordani
Steven Grierson
Judge Eileen Herrington
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins
Chief Judge Lynne Jones
Alicia Lerud
Judge Victor Miller
Judge John Schlegelmilch
Judge Randall Soderquist
Katherine Stocks
Judge Gloria Sturman
Judge Dawn Throne
Judge Natalie Tyrrell
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

AOC Staff

Paul Embley
Stephanie Gouveia
Almeda Harper
Zaide Martinez
John McCormick
James Popovich
Martina Schambra

Absent

Judge Kathleen Drakulich
Judge Shelly O'Neill
Judge Mason Simons

Absent Excused

Associate Chief Justice Stiglich (Vice-Chair)

Guests

Justice Douglas Herndon
Charles Mapp

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Justice Cadish, as chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary from August 16, 2024, was unanimously approved.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Court Administration Committee
 - Ms. Stocks referred members to the Committee report in the materials and expressed appreciation to the courts that volunteered to host site visits for the AOC staff.
 - Court Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Ms. Martinez informed the members that the CIP Program is working on dependency rules, as Nevada is one of the few states that does not currently have them in place.
 - Ms. Martinez also requested that any grant questions be forwarded to her, as the deadline for awarding grants was approaching.
 - Legislative Committee

- Mr. McCormick informed the members that the Committee submitted eight bill draft requests (BDRs) to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) and that he was working with LCB on general edits. The submitted BDRs were pre-filed and should be available on the LCB website by the end of November.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
 - Ms. Gouveia commented that the Specialty Court Conference was a huge success, and to expect additional details at the next Council meeting.
 - Ms. Martinez commented that she received positive feedback regarding the conference and added that additional dependency training has been offered as a result of the conference.
- Technology Committee
 - Judge Schlegelmilch commented that he recently worked with the AOC's IT staff on installing self-help kiosks and an eFile portal in the new courthouse. He was very pleased with the experience.

IV. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
 - Chief Judge Wiese referred members to the report in the meeting materials for details.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Soderquist commented that the North Central members discussed the Rules of Virtual Advocacy and inquired whether a meeting to revisit the rules will be scheduled, as outlined in the original order of adoption.
 - Justice Herndon responded that a potential meeting date should be scheduled in the new year.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Schlegelmilch referred members to the report in the meeting materials for details.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
 - Ms. Lerud notified the members that court reporters have been very difficult to obtain in Washoe County as numbers and per diem rates are low. Also, Spanish speaking interpreters have been scarce.
 - Judge Schlegelmilch suggested allowing court reporters to report remotely whenever possible.
 - Mr. Mapp offered himself as a contact for court reporters, as his court utilizes Kentuckiana Court Reporters.

V. Other Items/Discussion

- Future Agenda Items
 - Chief Judge Higgins suggested discussing the revalidation of the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment, as the five-year mark has passed since it was adopted.
- Improving Public Trust and Confidence in the Judicial Branch
 - Chief Justice Cadish received information from the NCSC highlighting the need to improve public trust and confidence in the judiciary, both at the state and national levels. She asked members to communicate with the public and highlight the judiciary's efforts toward transparency, such as welcoming reporters and cameras in the courtroom. Members should also emphasize the ways in which the courts support the public and help individuals succeed in the community, including programs like eviction diversion, Safe Babies Court, and drug court.
 - Ms. Lerud highly recommended a recent NCSC webinar on faith and confidence in jury service, which discussed ways to recruit jurors from a broad range of ethnicities to build confidence in the overall system.
 - Ms. Stocks shared that Paula Hannaford-Agor, Director of the Center for Jury Studies at NCSC, moderated this webinar and will also be facilitating the Jury System Management Workshops hosted by the AOC in late November.
 - Mr. Grierson shared that 60 volunteers from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will participate in the upcoming Formula 1 race opening ceremony by carrying the U.S. flag.

VI. Future Meetings

- 2025: TBD

VII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

TAB 2

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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

Justice Elissa Cadish, Chair	Wonswayla Mackey	Jennifer Rains
Judge Paige Dollinger	John McCormick	Kate Schmidt
Judge Gary Fairman	Jennifer Merideth	Jennifer Spencer
Judge David Gibson	Judge Michael Montero	Stacy Stahl
Stephen Avillo	Magistrate Kimberly Okezie	Magistrate Alison Testa
Crystal Hallock	Buffy Okuma	Janice Wolf
Amber Howell	Karen Perez	

Committee Meeting of January 10, 2025

February 7, 2025, JCSN Prepared by: Zaide Martinez, Court Improvement Program Officer

- CIP awarded seven 2024-2025 subawards to Community Improvement Councils (CICs) to help address dependency case backlogs and improve preventive services for at-risk children and families. Subawards must be exhausted by August 30, 2025
- 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 will receive 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.
- CIP has been meeting with the Statewide Safe Babies Court Program Coordinator to assist with jurisdiction implementation. The Safe Babies Court Webinar is now available on our website: <https://distanceed.nevadajudiciary.com/course/view.php?id=346>.
- In conjunction with the Fourth Judicial District’s CIC, CIP will host a hybrid training session on *Essentials for Legal Professionals in 2025: Understanding Substance Abuse Disorders and Enhancing Well-Being* with Dr. Melissa Piasecki on February 20, 2025. Please contact CIP for additional details.
- Following recommendations from the CIP Legislative Subcommittee and the CIP Select Committee, CIP contracted with Judge Ashley Willcott in July 2024 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. She is working with legal experts of Nevada’s Dependency process and facilitating forums for stakeholder feedback.

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- The CIP Legislative Subcommittee, chaired by Kelly Brandon, Supervising Deputy District Attorney of Carson City, met throughout 2024 with multidisciplinary stakeholders involved in the child welfare system. The Subcommittee submitted a bill draft request intended to add provisions and clarify procedures for intrastate jurisdictional transfer of children placed into protective custody; it revises attorney compensation and appointment for attorneys in child welfare court proceedings; and it changes the term “master” to “judicial officers” related to hearing masters in child welfare and related matters. Please contact Ms. Brandon at kbrandon@carson.org to be included in the Subcommittee's communications.
- CIP is working closely with the Children’s Bureau and Agency partners to prepare for Round Four of the CFSR.
- 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.
- 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 for judicial officers only
 - September 18-19, 2025, CIC General Summit for all CIC stakeholders

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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 Bitu Yeager
Judge Stephen Bishop	Judge Jim Loveless	
	Judge Deborah Schumacher	

Committee Meeting of October 17, 2024

Prepared by: Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide Coordinator

- The Nevada State Specialty Court Conference took place October 16th-18th, 2024 in Sparks, NV. The conference took place over three days and boasted its highest attendance yet with 281 attendees.
- Nominations for expiring committee seats were received and voting took place in December. Judge Randall Soderquist joined the committee representing the North central region in the Limited Jurisdiction seat.
- The committee has been informed of a one-time funding surplus and will be accepting proposals from specialty courts to allocate funding. Funding will be allocated before the end of the fiscal year.
- The committee reviewed funding criteria and considered raising funding caps due to inflation. The matter was discussed and held for review for the next meeting.
- The national conference, RISE25, will be held in Kissimmee, Florida from May 28-31, 2025. The AOC will be sponsoring 35 attendees from across the state.
- The committee appointed Steve Grierson, Court Administrator of the Eighth Judicial District Court, as the Clark Region representative.
- The committee is reviewing recidivism data for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Statewide, Nevada is showing that in 2021, 77% of successful graduates across the state did not recidivate.
- The next Specialty Court Funding & Policy Committee meeting will be January 24, 2024, at 12p.m. It will be held virtually.

TAB 4

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CLARK REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

Summary prepared by Charlene Boegle

Members Present

Chief Judge Jerry Wiese, Chair
Judge Alicia Albritton
Judge Melisa De La Garza
Judge Ruth Kolhoss
Judge Chris Lee

Judge Gregor Mills
Judge Margaret Pickard
Judge Larry Shupe
Judge Dawn Throne
Judge Ryan Toone

Guests

Derek Boyle

AOC Staff

Charlene Boegle

Members not listed were not in attendance.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chief Judge Wiese called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
 - a. A quorum was not present.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summaries
 - a. Chief Judge Wiese unilaterally approved the meeting summaries of March 8, 2024, June 14, 2024, and August 28, 2024.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - a. AOC Updates
 - JCSN Amended Bylaws and Quick Reference Guide
 - Chief Judge Wiese asked if anyone had questions regarding the new bylaws and advised that there was a quick reference guide attached to the meeting materials for reference.
 - Personnel Updates
 - Ms. Boegle advised of new audit, judicial education, and AOC staff.
- V. Informational Items
 - Chief Judge Wiese confirmed and advised the attendees about the documents attached to the meeting materials: ADKT 0619, ADKT 0620, and The National Judicial College 2025 Course List.

- Chief Judge Wiese introduced Judge De La Garza as being new to the committee and thanked her for attending.
- Chief Judge Wiese discussed that ADKT 0619 is a one-year pilot program implementing informal family trials and adopting rules governing informal family law trials. He asked that this item remain on future agendas for quarterly input from judges regarding the pilot.
- Chief Judge Wiese asked the group if they had any other business to discuss. Judge Toone advised that members from his team attended the Specialty Court Conference in Sparks. He advised that it was very informative. He went on to express the Mesquite area's appreciation of these types of programs.
- Chief Judge Wiese stated that Judge De La Garza was the new Chief of Justice Court in Clark County. He advised that Judge De La Garza would not be making changes to Juvenile Traffic at this time. Judge De La Garza advised that she has been in discussion with Judge Marquis and that there are some concerns about Justice Court having jurisdiction over juvenile matters. She advised that there is no current process or resources in the Eighth Judicial to handle the juvenile cases. Judge De La Garza and Judge Marquis are working on a future program to handle these types of cases.
- Judge Toone advised that it is helpful for parents to work through their local court in juvenile matters. He also advised that he is happy to continue to assist with juvenile matters in the rural areas.
- There was discussion about the previous order signed by district court Judge Voy. Chief Judge Wiese advised that he would draft a new A. O. if the council felt it was necessary. Judge De La Garza advised that until they determine how they will move forward, they will continue handling juvenile traffic as it has been done in the past.
- Judge Mills advised that he would like to keep juvenile traffic in the local communities as spoken by Judge Toone. Chief Judge Wiese agreed that juvenile traffic will continue as it has been handled, at this point in time.

VI. Future Meetings

a. Clark Regional Judicial Council

- Chief Judge Wiese asked those in attendance if Wednesdays were the best day for the meetings. After some discussion Chief Judge Wiese advised Ms. Boegle that the 2025 meetings would be set on Tuesdays at noon.
- Ms. Boegle asked if it would be acceptable to determine several 2025 dates and send them to Chief Judge Wiese for approval. He advised that would be acceptable.

b. Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

- November 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

- Chief Judge Wiese invited the judges to attend the JCSN meeting on November 1st at 2:00 p.m.

c. Chief Judge Wiese asked the group to send any future agenda items to Ms. Boegle or himself.

VII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

TAB 5

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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Battle Mountain, NV

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Judge Mason Simons, Chair
Judge Randall Soderquist, Vice-Chair
Judge Denise Fortune
Judge Bill Gandolfo
Judge Dee Primeaux
Judge Kenneth Quirk
Judge Jim Shirley

Guests Present

Juanita “Jenny” Martin
Judge-Elect Spencer Roberts

AOC Staff Present

Jamie Gradick
Almeda Harper

Absent - Excused

Judge Kenneth Calton
Judge Bryan Drake
Judge Kriston Hill
Judge Al Kacin
Judge Jim Loveless
Judge Michael Montero
Judge Karen Stephens

Absent - Unexcused

Judge Rob Hoferer

- I. Call to Order
 - Judge Simons, as Council chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
 - A quorum was not present.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summaries
 - The summary of the August 23, 2024, meeting will be tabled for approval at the next meeting.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - Introduction of Judge-elect Spencer Roberts
 - Judge-elect Spencer Roberts introduced himself and provided a summary of his background.
 - AOC Updates
 - Ms. Gradick introduced Ms. Almeda Harper who will become the main point of contact for the rural courts as of January 2025.
 - Ms. Gradick provided a brief overview of the information in the JCSN Bylaw Revisions and Quick Reference Guide which outlines the major changes from the recent Bylaw revisions approved in August 2024.
 - Ms. Gradick provided attendees with an update on the Judicial Branch Security Commission
 - The Commission's focus is reviewing statewide security concerns and analyze the training and resources needed to develop standardized state-wide methods.

- The Commission created the Judicial Branch Security Education and Training Subcommittee to focus on education. The subcommittee developed an incident reporting form, expected to go live in early 2025. Court participation in submitting the incident reporting form to the AOC is essential for gathering the data needed to support future funding and training requests.
- Ms. Gradick updated attendees on recent personnel and restructuring changes.
 - Judicial Branch Education continues to fill vacancies. A new Special Events Coordinator will be hired, and Rocky Lasagna will continue to work with distance education full-time.
 - Web Services should be fully staffed with the recent hire of an Applications Specialist. They are compiling the “Annual Report” which should be available in December.
 - The Court Resources and Support Unit will hire a Family Court Liaison in the new year to work with District Courts and Judges involved with family court cases. This position will provide direct support between the AOC and family courts across the state.
- Ms. Gradick reminded the attendees of the upcoming NJLJ Winter Seminar on January 28-31, 2025, at the CasaBlanca Resort in Mesquite, NV.
- Ms. Gradick reminded the attendees of the upcoming New Judge Education December 9-13, 2024, in Las Vegas, NV.
- Community Service Reports
 - Judge Simons recruited representatives from Elko Justice Court, the Public Defender’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office to speak to students from Elko High School.
 - Attendees discussed the absence of the “Reading and Robes” program, stating there may be a funding issue.
 - Judge Primeaux donated to help promote community activities and organizations, including the Carlin Historical Society and Friends of the Library.
 - Judge Gandolfo plans to assist the local Lyon’s Club with a New Year’s fireworks display for the community. He also plans to organize a reading event at a local school, including a courthouse tour.
 - Judge Quirk sponsored an informational booth at a local health fair and organized a mock court exercise for a high school civics class.
- Other Items and Discussion
 - Judge Primeaux requested clarification regarding budgeting for future audits.
 - Ms. Martin clarified that courts will be responsible for budgeting with outside contractors during the next audit cycle after which, the AOC Audit Unit expects to be fully staffed and conducting audits for the courts.
 - Attendees provided advice and useful information to Judge-elect Roberts, including a recommendation to observe other judges on the bench and review the Judicial Code of Conduct.
 - Judge Simons expressed his appreciation for the judges who will be retiring at the end of the year and their hard work and dedication.
 - Judge Primeaux expressed her appreciation for her colleagues and the collaboration they have provided over the years.
 - Attendees discussed strategies for cases involving constitutionalists.
 - The constitutionalist does not believe in the legality of the Nevada Revised Statutes or that the local judge has the legal authority to preside over cases.
 - Judge Simons recommended scheduling these types of cases at the end of the day to limit the number of spectators, keeping a copy of the judicial oath readily available in case it is requested and issuing a pre-trial order to restrict the timing of motions. Ms. Martin also suggested utilizing a vexatious litigant list, if applicable.
- Informational Documents
 - Ms. Gradick explained that the Law Library Public Access and Self-Help poster has been updated since it was last distributed. She requested the attendees replace existing posters with the new version distributed during the meeting.

- Attendees were provided with Certified Court Interpreter Program Outreach posters.
- Attendees were provided with the National Judicial College's 2025 Course List, for reference.

V. Future Meetings

- The next North Central Regional Judicial Council meeting will be held on February 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Elko, NV.
- The next Judicial Council of the State of Nevada meeting will be held remotely on February 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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TAB 6

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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SUMMARY

SIERRA REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 4, 2024
12:00 PM

<p><u>Members Present:</u> Judge John Schlegelmilch, Chair Judge Eileen Herrington, Vice-chair Judge Cheri Emm-Smith Judge Thomas Gregory Judge Kristin Luis Judge Lori Matheus Judge Camille Vecchiarelli Judge Tod Young</p> <p><u>Guests Present:</u> Ms. Maxine Cortes</p> <p><u>AOC Staff Present:</u> Jamie Gradick, Court Resources and Support Manager, Rural Courts Coordinator Almeda Harper, Court Services Analyst</p>	<p><u>Members Absent (Excused):</u> Judge Leon Aberasturi Judge Tom Armstrong Judge Melanie Bruketta Judge Paul Gilbert Judge Michael Johnson Judge Doug Kassebaum Judge James Russell Judge Tom Stockard</p> <p><u>Members Absent (Unexcused):</u> Judge Mike Lister Judge Ben Trotter</p>
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- I. Call to Order
 - Judge Schlegelmilch, as chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
 - A quorum was not present.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

- The summary from the April 26, 2024, meeting was unilaterally approved by the chair.

IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates
 - Ms. Gradick informed attendees that the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) Bylaw revisions were approved during the August 16, 2024, JCSN meeting.
 - A “Bylaws Quick Reference Guide” was distributed to attendees and will be emailed to all members following the meeting. The guide outlines those bylaws most likely to be of the greatest significance to the judges.
 - Judge Schlegelmilch suggested that excused members should still count towards a quorum, to make it easier to attain one. Ms. Gradick suggested that Judge Schlegelmilch reach out to the chairs of both the North Central Regional Judicial Council and the South Central Regional Judicial Council to seek input before requesting that the full JCSN membership consider reopening the Bylaw revision issue.
 - Ms. Gradick explained that since the JCSN Bylaws don’t define “quorum,” the *Robert’s Rules of Order* standards become the default rule.
 - Ms. Gradick provided an update on the Court Staff Continuous Learning Program.
 - The extent of the program is contingent upon the funding granted during the upcoming Legislative session.
 - The program’s core curriculum is being developed over the next several months and, assuming funding is granted, is expected to go live after July 1, 2025.
 - Participation in the program will be recommended but not mandatory. The program should not duplicate what’s being offered through NACCA.
 - Judge Young commented on the benefits of a certification program.
 - Ms. Gradick informed attendees that the Judicial Branch Security Commission was recently convened via ADKT 0621. The Commission’s goal is to research and develop security recommendations for Nevada’s courts.
 - Ms. Gradick provided a brief update on AOC personnel and restructuring.
 - David Gordon, Ann-Marie Mayeaux, and Rosemary Luque are no longer with the AOC.

- Distance learning has been absorbed into People Operations. In-person education will be managed by James Popovich.
- Paul Embley has announced his upcoming retirement; no official date has been announced.
- Ms. Gradick advised that she will be stepping down as the Rural Courts Coordinator at the end of the year. Almeda Harper would, likely, be taking over and handling the rural meetings as of 2025. Ms. Gradick explained that the plan is to develop a “rural courts task force” within the Court Resources and Support Unit to provide expanded support to the rural courts. Ms. Gradick commented that she would remain involved with the rural courts and would be providing resources to rural judges and court staff in additional areas.
- Community Service Reports/Updates
 - Judge Herrington and Judge Luis both participated in National Night Out.
 - Judge Young swore in new leaders of the Kiwanis Club and Action Club.
 - Judge Matheus swore in new board members for the fire department.
 - Judge Schlegelmilch participated in the 4th of July Fun Day for Kids.
- Other Items/Discussion
 - Attendees expressed an interest in varying locations for future, in-person, regional meetings.
 - Judge Young shared that Douglas County will be getting a new courthouse.
 - Judge Matheus commented that the Fernley Justice Court was awarded 8 million dollars for remodeling.
 - Judge Young encouraged judges to use court remodeling as opportunities to discuss courthouse security needs with both the funding bodies as well as the project design teams.
 - Attendees briefly discussed courthouse security concerns, challenges, and needs, particularly in the rural jurisdictions. Discussion was held regarding the judge’s duty to provide for the safety of the parties appearing in the courtroom.
 - Dayton will also receive a new courthouse.

V. Future Meetings

- Sierra Regional Judicial Council: 2025 TBD
- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: November 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

- Judge Schlegelmilch adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

TAB 7

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

<i>Nevada Appellate Courts</i>
Chief Justice Douglas Herndon (Chair) (1/6/25 – 12/31/26) Associate Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre (Vice Chair) (1/6/25 – 12/31/25) Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla (1/6/25 – 12/31/25)
<i>Clark Region</i>
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)
<i>North Central Region</i>
Judge Mason Simons (Chair) (1/2/24 – 12/31/26) Judge Randall Soderquist (1/2/24 – 12/31/26)
<i>Sierra Region</i>
Judge John Schlegelmilch (Chair) (1/2/23 – 12/31/25) Judge Eileen Herrington (1/2/23 – 12/31/25)
<i>South Central Region</i>
Judge Steven Dobrescu (Chair) (1/6/25 – 12/31/27) Judge Stephen Bishop (1/2/24 – 12/31/26)
<i>Washoe Region</i>
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)
<i>Ex-Officio Members</i>
Judge Kathleen Drakulich, President, Nevada District Judges Association (April 2024 – April 2025) Judge Ryan Toone, President, Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction (Jan 2025 – Jan 2026) Alicia Lerud, Court Administrator, Second Judicial District Steven Grierson, Court Administrator, Eighth Judicial District Katherine Stocks, State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

2024 Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	2/2/2024	5/24/2024	8/16/2024	11/1/2024
Chief Justice Elissa Cadish (Chair)	P	P	P	P
Judge Stephen Bishop	P	P	P	P
Judge Bonnie Bulla	P	P	P	P
Judge Steven Dobrescu	P	P	P	P
Judge Katheleen Drakulich		P	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Kelly Giordani	P	AB/UN	P	P
Steven Grierson	P	AB/UN	P	P
Judge Eileen Herrington	P	AB/E	AB/E	P
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins	P	P	AB/UN	P
Chief Judge Lynne Jones	AB/E	P	AB/E	P
Judge Joanna Kishner	AB/E			
Alicia Lerud	AB/E	P	P	P
Judge Victor Miller	P	AE/E	P	P
Judge Shelly O’Neill	P	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge John Schlegelmilch	P	AB/UN	P	P
Judges Mason Simons	P	P	P	AB/UN
Judge Randall Soderquist	P	P	AB/E	P
Associate Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich (Vice-chair)	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Katherine Stocks	P	P	P	P
Gloria Sturman	AB/E	AB/UN	P	P
Judge Dawn Throne	P	P	P	P
Judge Natalie Tyrrell	AB/E	P	AB/E	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

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Clark Regional Judicial Council

2024 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	3/8/2024	6/14/2024	8/28/2024	10/23/2024
Judge Anna Albertson	AB/UN	P	P	AB/E
Judge Alicia Albritton	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	P
Judge Nancy Allf	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Heidi Almase	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Tim Atkins	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Sunny Bailey	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Erika Ballou	AB/E	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Veronica Barisich	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Samuel Bateman	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jacqueline Bluth	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Joe Bonaventure	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Bert Brown	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Dedree Butler	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Cara Campbell	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Stephanie Charter	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Amy Chelini	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Tara Clark-Newberry	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jeremy Cooley	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Chief Judge Cynthia Cruz	P	P	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Christy Craig	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Nadin Cutter	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Melisa De La Garza	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	P
Judge Kathleen Delaney	AB/E	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Noreen Demonte	AB/UN	AB/E	P	AB/E
Judge Mark Denton	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Darryll Dodenbier	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Bryce Duckworth	AB/EE	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Crystal Eller	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge Adriana Escobar	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Rhonda Forsberg	P	P	P	AB/E
Judge Maria Gall	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Paul Gaudet	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Denise Gentile	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Stephen George	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge David Gibson Sr.	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge David Gibson Jr.	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge Kelly Giordani	AB/UN	P	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Cynthia Giuliani	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E

Member	3/8/2024	6/14/2024	8/28/2024	10/23/2024
Judge Jessica Goodey	AB/UN	P	P	AB/E
Judge Eric Goodman	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Gregory Gordon	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge Elana Graham	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Joe Hardy Jr.	AB/E	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Belinda Harris	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Bill Henderson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Richard Hill	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Mary Kay Holthus	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Kalani Hoo	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Charles Hoskin	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Ronald Israel	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Eric Johnson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Susan Johnson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Tierra Jones	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Cedric Kerns	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Courtney Ketter	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Carli Kierny	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Joanna Kishner	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Ruth Kolhoss	AB/UN	AB/E	P	P
Judge Nadia Krall	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge Michelle Leavitt	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Chris Lee	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	P
Judge Harmony Letizia	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Chief Judge Cynthia Leung	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jasmin Lilly-Spells	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Linda Marquis	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Amy Mastin	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Regina McConnell	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Erika Mendoza	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Michele Mercer	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Victor Miller	P	AB/E	P	AB/E
Judge Gregory Mills	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	P
Judge Tara Clark Newberry	AB/UN	P	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Vincent Ochoa	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Mari Parlade	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Mary Perry	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jessica Peterson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Margaret Pickard	AB/UN	P	P	P
Judge Danielle Pieper-Chio	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jacob Reynolds	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge T. Arthur Ritchie Jr.	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Stacy Rocheleau	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E

Member	3/8/2024	6/14/2024	8/28/2024	10/23/2024
Judge Susan Roger	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Melissa Saragosa	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Rebecca Saxe	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Chief Judge Barbara Schifalacqua	P	P	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Jennifer Schwartz	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Joseph Sciscento	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Larry Shupe	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	P
Judge Gloria Sturman	P	P	P	AB/E
Judge Diana Sullivan	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Robert Teuton	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Dawn Throne	AB/E	P	P	P
Judge Ryan Toone	P	AB/E	P	P
Judge Monica Trujillo	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Natalie Tyrrell	P	P	AB/E	AB/E
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese (Chair)	P	P	P	P
Judge Timothy Williams	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Amy Wilson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Nadia Wood	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Bitia Yeager	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Ann Zimmerman	AB/E	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
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North Central Regional Judicial Council

2024 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	2/23/2024	5/24/2024 Cancelled	8/23/2024	11/22/2024
Judge Kenny Calton	AB/E		P	AB/E
Judge Bryan Drake	P		P	AB/E
Judge Denise Fortune	P		P	P
Judge Bill Gandolfo	P		P	P
Judge Kriston Hill	AB/E		AB/E	AB/E
Judge Rob Hoferer	AB/UN		P	AB/UN
Judge Alvin Kacin	AB/E		P	AB/E
Judge Jim Loveless	P		AB/E	AB/E
Judge Mike Montero	P		P	AB/E
Judge Dee Primeaux	P		P	P
Judge Kenneth Quirk	P		P	P
Judge Jim Shirley	P		P	P
Judge Mason Simons, (Chair)	P		P	P
Judge Randall Soderquist, (Vice Chair)	P		P	P
Judge Karen Stephens	AB/E		AB/E	AB/E

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

2024 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	1/26/2024	4/26/2024	7/19/2024 Cancelled	10/04/2024
Judge Leon Aberasturi	AB/E	P		AB/E
Judge Thomas Armstrong	P	P		AB/E
Judge Melanie Bruketta				AB/E
Judge Cheri Emm-Smith	P	P		P
Judge Paul Gilbert	AB/E	AB/UN		AB/E
Judge Thomas Gregory	P	P		P
Judge Eileen Herrington (Vice chair)	AB/UN	P		P
Judge Michael K. Johnson	P	P		AB/E
Judge Douglas Kassebaum	AB/E	AB/E		AB/E
Judge Mike Lister	AB/UN	AB/UN		AB/UN
Judge Kristin Luis	P	P		P
Judge Lori Matheus	AB/E	P		P
Judge James Todd Russell	P	AB/E		AB/E
Judge John Schlegelmilch (Chair)	P	P		P
Judge Tom Stockard	P	AB/E		AB/E
Judge Ben Trotter	AB/UN	AB/UN		AB/UN
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli	AB/E	P		P
Judge Tod Young	P	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

2024 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	1/08/2024	6/24/2024
Judge Stephen Bishop (Vice-Chair)	P	P
Judge Michael Coster	AB/E	AB/UN
Judge Mike Cowley	P	P
Judge Steven Dobrescu (Chair)	P	P
Judge Gary Fairman	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Michele Fiore	P	P
Judge Nola Holton	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Danielle Johnson	P	P
Judge Jennifer Klapper	P	AB/E
Judge Robert Lane	AB/UN	AB/UN
Judge Dorothy Rowley	P	AB/E
Judge William “Gus” Sullivan	P	P
Judge Kirk Vitto	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

Shaded: Meeting held outside member’s term

Washoe Regional Judicial Council

2024 Regional Council Meeting Attendance Record

Reporting Period: January 2024 – December 2024

Member	2/7/2024	4/24/2024	7/24/2024	10/2/2024
Judge Aimee Banales	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Kendra Bertschy	P	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Barry Breslow	P	AB/E	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Justin Champagne	P	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge David Clifton	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Paige Dollinger	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Gene Drakulich	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Kathleen Drakulich	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	AB/E
Judge Shirle Eiting (Vice-chair)	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	P
Judge Erica Flavin	P	P	P	AB/E
Judge Scott Freeman	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Terry Graham	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Dixie Grossman	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E
Judge David Hardy	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Pierre A. Hascheff	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Christopher Hazlett-Stevens	AB/E	P	AB/E	P
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins	P	P	P	AB/E
Chief Judge Lynne Jones (Chair)	P	P	P	P
Judge Jessica Longley	AB/UN	P	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Cynthia Lu	AB/UN	P	AB/E	AB/E
Chief Judge Shelly O’Neill	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Scott Pearson	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Tammy Riggs	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Bridget Robb	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Tamatha Schreinert	P	P	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Kathleen Sigurdson	AB/UN	AB/UN	P	P
Judge James Spoo	AB/UN	X	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Connie Steinheimer	AB/UN	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E
Judge Ryan Katherine Sullivan	AB/E	AB/E	AB/E	P
Judge E. Alan Tiras	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Sandra Unsworth	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/UN	AB/E
Judge Egan Walker	AB/UN	AB/E	AE/E	AB/E
Judge Chris Wilson	P	P	AB/UN	AB/E
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