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Subject: RE: Reminder Regarding Judicial Education Requirements
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Ms. Fairbank and Ms. Gradick,

This is in response to Chief Justice Hardesty's request for recommendations for items that would be helpful to support Nevada Judges in hearing water law cases.

A judge seeking to increase their knowledge regarding the technical issues that often arise in water law cases in Nevada should take advantage of the resources offered by the National Judicial College's Dividing the Waters program (DTW). DTW has several publications that are written specifically for judges. These include, *Adjudicating Groundwater: A Judge's Guide to Understanding Groundwater and Modeling* and the *Hydrologic Modeling Benchbook*. Additionally, DTW offers webinars and other training programs for judges. Lastly, DTW's annual conference is provided to judges only and provides insight from judges in other states that have handled complex water cases.

I believe the Commission should also encourage Nevada counties to contribute funds for travel and other expenses for district court judges presiding in their respective counties to participate in DTW and other legal education that is focused on Nevada water law.

If a water court were created, judges who want to participate should be required to take at least 6 hours of legal education coursework each year on water law or a related scientific field such as hydrology and hydrogeology.

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Good Afternoon,

Please consider this a friendly reminder to transmit to Jamie Gradick and myself the items that you believe would be helpful to support Nevada Judges in hearing water law cases. If you have not sent them, please send them to us no later than November 15th at the absolute latest.

Kindly,

Micheline

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