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# Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

**Date and Time of Meeting:** August 8, 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. May 2, 2025\* (Tab 1, pages 3-6)
- III. Business and Action Items
  - A. AOC Travel Policy
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees (Reporting period: April 8<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</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 (Tab 5, pages 17-18)
  - E. Technology Committee *No meeting held within the reporting period*
- V. Summaries of Regional Judicial Council Meetings (Reporting period: April 8<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - A. Clark Regional Judicial Council (Tab 6, pages 19-22)
  - B. North Central Regional Judicial Council (Tab 7, pages 23-26)
  - C. Sierra Regional Judicial Council (Tab 8, pages 27-30)
  - D. South Central Regional Judicial Council (Tab 9, pages 31-34)
  - E. Washoe Regional Judicial Council (Tab 10, pages 35-38)
- VI. Other Items/Discussion
- VII. Future Meetings
  - 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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May 2, 2025 2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

# **Members Present**

Chief Justice Doug Herndon (Chair)
Judge Stephen Bishop
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Kelly Giordani
Mr. Steven Grierson
Judge Eileen Herrington
Chief Judge Lynne Jones
Alicia Lerud
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**

Almeda Harper Emily Kuhlman John McCormick Martina Schambra

# **Members Absent - Excused**

Associate Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre (Vice-chair) Chief Judge Kevin Higgins Judge Victor Miller Judge John Schlegelmilch

# **Members Absent - Unexcused**

Judge Kathleen Drakulich Judge Shelly O'Neill

# I. Call to Order

Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

- Chief Justice Herndon, as chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
- Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.

# II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

• The meeting summary from February 14, 2025, was unanimously approved.

# III. Reports of Standing Committees

- Court Administration Committee
  - o Ms. Stocks reported that the Committee discussed changes to Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) requirements and immigrations policies.
    - Justice Herndon announced that, as part of the legislative budget closing hearing, the AOC was awarded funding for the Appellate Court Case Management System, Statewide Trial Court Case Management System and the Statewide eFiling System. He added that the Supreme Court also received approval to work independently from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) regarding IT security.
      - Ms. Stocks added that this should improve CourtView performance among other AOC provided services.

- Court Improvement Program (CIP)
  - o Mr. McCormick shared that Ms. Martinez is presenting at the Colorado State CIP conference and directed members to the attached report.
  - o Mr. McCormick also provided a brief update on <u>AB344</u>, submitted by the CIP Legislative Subcommittee.
    - Replaces "master" with "judicial officer" in the statute.
    - Changes were made to multi-county child custody proceedings.
    - The bill is pending with Ways and Means.
    - Federal funds will be utilized.
- Legislative Committee
  - o Chief Justice Herndon and Mr. McCormick provided an update on the following bills.
    - <u>AB66</u> The bill was amended to add one additional judge to only the First and Tenth Judicial Districts.
    - AJR8 Sponsored by Assembly Member Dalia, the bill proposes the creation of a business court. Statements of opposition were presented, outlining concerns that the bill would create resource issues and place additional strain on the current system. However, Chief Justice Herndon expressed hope that it could lead to additional district court judges.
    - There is speculation that a special session may be held in September or October.

# IV. Reports of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
  - o Judge Toone reported an increase in attendance, noting that 25 judges were present at the last Regional Judicial Council meeting, and a quorum was achieved.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
  - o Judge Simons reported the meeting was well attended and directed the members to the summary attached.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
  - o Judge Herrington directed the members to the summary attached.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Dobrescu shared that the Council is considering an interim Zoom meeting to supplement the in-person meetings already scheduled. He also announced that Judge Dylan V. Frehner has been appointed as the new district court judge for the Seventh Judicial District.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
  - Chief Judge Jones reported that while the court continues to work on the new building, the project is currently stalled. The county envisions using the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) as an umbrella, and potentially a non-profit, but some practical aspects of this plan are under consideration.
  - o The Reno Justice Court is piloting an eviction diversion court.
  - o Judge Robert DeLong was recently elected to the Sparks Municipal Court.

#### V. Other Items/Discussion

- Statewide Data Repository
  - o AOC staff will be at the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Seminar in June, showcasing the new program.
  - o Informational webinars will take place on May 8, 9, 16, and 20.
  - o The AOC is considering potential funding aspects during the Legislative Session.

- Federal Funding Pulled from Specialty Courts
  - O Justice Cadish shared that the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators submitted a joint letter to the Congressional leadership, the Senate, and the House explaining the consequences of this decision. The letter was forwarded to all judges by the AOC as a courtesy.
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> was Law Day, and statements were made by the American Bar Association, the Judicial College, and others, regarding the importance of the rule of law and the need to support it. There is a newly formed group of retired federal judges advocating for these issues.

# VI. Future Meetings

- 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 2:41 p.m.



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# COURT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Committee Members:

Cynda Horning Katherine Stocks, Chair Tamara Migan Andrea Anderson Hans Jessup Whitney Richardson Hon. Danielle Johnson Elidia Rosales Melissa Bender Tiffany Josephs Derek Boyle Heidi Shaw Nohemi Cardiel Alicia Lerud Danielle Skiles Veronica Lopez Stormi Decker **Zachary Smith** Juanita "Jenny" Martin Steven Grierson Shaniya Williams Melissa Hall Angelica Martin

Committee Meeting of April 24, 2025

Prepared by Margarita Bautista, Staff to Court Administration Committee

- ➤ Since the last report, the JCSN Court Administration Committee met on April 24, 2025.
- Ms. Pete Whitehead gave a presentation on the Data Warehouse (DW) and what it is. Information was provided on upcoming training and details on the DW.
- Mr. John McCormick gave a legislative update stating seven of the eight bills put forward by the judicial branch had made it past both house passage deadlines.
- Ms. Amber Putz gave a brief update on how the CMS is coming along. Also gave updates on the integrations currently happening with the CMS.
- ➤ Chair Stocks shared updates on the E-Filing project including some of the hurdles occurring with Tyler Technologies due to the lack of funding from the Legislature.
- ➤ Open discussion included questions about the Model Immigration policies for Nevada courthouses, CJIS requirements, and future training for court security offered by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District.
- ➤ Chair Stocks concluded the meeting by adding that there have been cuts made to federal funding, specifically OJP and BJA grants. With these cuts, Court Admins were asked if they had any federal funding in their courts. If so, if they could provide the information so that when meetings occur between congressional delegates and Justices, they can provide explanation on why funding should not be cut.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 02:00pm.

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### COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Committee Members:

Justice Elissa Cadish, ChairWonswayla MackeyJennifer RainsStephen AvilloJohn McCormickKate SchmidtJudge Paige DollingerJennifer MeridethJennifer SpencerJudge Gary FairmanJudge Michael MonteroStacy StahlJudge David GibsonMagistrata Virgharly ObsaisMagistrata Alisan

Judge David Gibson Magistrate Kimberly Okezie Magistrate Alison Testa

Crystal Hallock Buffy Okuma Janice Wolf

Amber Howell Karen Perez

# Committee Meeting of July 11, 2025

August 8, 2025, JCSN Prepared by: Zacary Casper, Court Improvement Program Court Services Analyst

- In July 2024, CIP contracted with Judge Ashley Willcott to support the development of dependency rules for the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. The goal is to align with federal timeframes and address the unique needs of dependency cases. A core group has been consistently meeting to produce a final working draft. A statewide stakeholder meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 1 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Data Savvy and CIP have finalized reports on reasonable efforts, including findings, recommendations, a judicial bench card, and an attorney checklist. Participating sites will receive site-specific results.
- CIP worked with Data Savvy to conduct an evaluation of the Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program. Based on the findings, we are reassessing the program's goals and mission.
- The Annual Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program Training was held on May 29-30, 2025.
- The draft of Nevada's Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance (JCAMP) Implementation Guide has been completed. The JCAMP leadership team will be contacted by the end of July to request their review and feedback prior to finalization. Additionally, JCAMP data will be used to summarize how court data supports the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process and highlights best practices and areas for improvement.
- The CIP Legislative Subcommittee's bill (AB334) was signed into law by the Governor on June 5, 2025. Sections 1 through 82, along with Section 83, took effect upon signing for the purpose of adopting regulations and completing necessary administrative tasks, sections 1 through 82 will take full effect on July 1, 2026.

- CIP and AOC's Communications team worked with Stacy Stahl, CIP's Tribal Partner, to develop a Nevada Tribal resource. The resource includes information on Nevada tribes, tribal courts, and tribal social workers.
- CIP partnered with Casey Family Programs to successfully host a webinar and an in-person training series, *Supporting Meaningful Permanency for Non-Citizen Children & Families*, in May 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.
- 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 federal instructions for state courts to apply for Court Improvement Program (CIP) funds for Fiscal Year 2026 were released on May 12, 2025. An extension was granted to submit the Self-Assessment and Strategic Plan by July 31, 2025.
- The 2025 Community Improvement Council (CIC) Summit dates have been set and will be held at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, Nevada. The CIC Summit dates are as follows:
  - o September 17, 2025, Judicial Roundtable
  - o September 18-19, 2025, CIC General Summit for all CIC stakeholders

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# **Legislative Committee**

June 16, 2025 4:00 p.m.

Summary Prepared by: Martina Schambra

#### **Members Present**

Chief Justice Douglas Herndon Judge Kendra Bertschy Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla Justice Elissa Cadish Rebecca Edwards Steve Grierson Mike Hillerby Keith Lee
Alicia Lerud
John McCormick
Gabby McGregor
Judge Victor Miller
Andres Moses
Judge Dorothy Rowley

Alisa Shoults
Judge Randall Soderquist
Joe Tommasino
Judge Ryan Toone
Judge Jerry Wiese

**AOC Staff** 

Martina Schambra

## Guests

Sam Anastassatos Paige Barnes Cody Drews Jason Frierson Judge Brandy Holbrook Hans Jessup

## I. Call to Order

- Chief Justice Herndon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
- Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was not present.
- Due to the lack of a quorum, the May 12, 2025, May 19, 2025, and May 27, 2025, meeting summaries were not approved.

### II. Supreme Court Bills

- <u>AB3</u> Increases the monetary threshold for mandatory nonbinding arbitration in civil actions.
  - AB3 was approved by the Governor.
  - The bill became effective upon passage to prepare the necessary administrative tasks to carry out its provisions, and upon January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.
- AB13 Revises provisions relating to criminal justice.
  - AB13 failed to meet the first house committee passage deadline on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- <u>AB18</u> Revises provisions relating to the electronic filing of certain documents.
  - AB18 was approved by the Governor.
- AB65 Revises provisions relating to guardianship.
  - AB65 was approved by the Governor.
- AB66 Revises provisions relating to district courts.
  - AB66 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
  - Mr. McCormick believed that there was a misunderstanding in the Legislature of the provisions of the bill and the budgetary authority of the Supreme Court.
- <u>SB13</u> Revises provisions relating to exoneration of bail.
  - SB13 was approved by the Governor.

- <u>SB17</u> Revises provisions relating to specialty courts.
  - SB17 was approved by the Governor.
  - SB17 revises the list of those eligible for preprosecution diversion programs, clarifies that all levels of trial courts have the authority to establish specialty courts and authorizes upon the discretion of the courts to provisionally refer defendants to specialty courts pending the outcome of a clinical or substance use assessment.
- <u>SB20</u> Revises provisions relating to criminal procedure.
  - SB20 was enrolled.
  - SB20 removed the statutory requirements that jury trials in justice and municipal courts be reported by a certified court reporter and allows for jury trials to be recorded via sound recording equipment. <a href="NRS 422A.343">NRS 422A.343</a> was amended to read that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services can provide jury lists only if not prohibited by federal law.

#### III. Other Bills of Interest

- AB97 Revises requirements related to reporting of information to the DPS Repository.
  - AB97 was approved by the Governor.
  - AB97 requires law enforcement officers to report Uniform Crime Reports to the National Incident-Based Reporting System; Mr. McCormick does not believe this will affect courts.
- <u>AB216</u> Revises provisions relating to domestic violence.
  - AB216 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
- <u>AB218</u> Requires the Court Administrator and each court in this State to establish a program to send certain communications regarding court proceedings by text message.
  - AB218 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
- <u>AB264</u> Revises provisions relating to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses.
  - AB264 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
- AB283 Revises provisions governing certain actions and proceedings relating to real property.
  - AB283 was vetoed by the Governor.
- <u>AB320</u> Revises provisions related to criminal justice.
  - AB320 was vetoed by the Governor.
  - <u>AB320's veto message</u> noted the judiciary's authority in the management of courtroom proceedings, particularly dress codes.
- AB344 Revises provisions relating to the judiciary.
  - AB344 was approved by the Governor.
  - The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services intends to use federal incentive funds to cover the costs associated with their fiscal note on the bill.
  - AB344 became effective upon passage for the preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the bill's provisions; the bill will otherwise become effective on July 1, 2026.
- AB461 Revises provisions governing health care.
  - AB461 was approved by the Governor.
  - AB461 includes provisions related to the creation of a public awareness campaign on the importance of planning for long-term care and requesting the Supreme Court's Guardianship Commission study the implementation of the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act and report its findings to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.
- AB488 Revises provisions relating to criminal convictions of certain victims.
  - AB488 was vetoed by the Governor.
- <u>AB490</u> Revises provisions related to courts.
  - AB490 was vetoed by the Governor.

- <u>AB520</u> Revises provisions relating to adoption.
  - AB520 was approved by the Governor.
- AB550 Revises provisions governing incompetent criminal defendants.
  - AB550 was approved by the Governor.
  - Mr. McCormick noted that the Nevada Board of Examiners approved the payment of \$753,500 in fines after a district court found the state in contempt for being unable to provide adequate mental health treatment for defendants regarding competency; the provisions of AB550 aim to address these shortfalls.
- <u>SB30</u> Revises provisions governing requests for public information relating to parole.
  - SB30 was approved by the Governor.
  - Mr. McCormick noted that SB30 was amended to remove provisions of <u>NRS 213.020</u> that required a copy of certain applications that were to be considered before the State Board of Pardons Commissioners be submitted to the district judge of the county in which the individual whose application is being considered was originally convicted.
- <u>SB109</u> Revises provisions governing legislative measures that are authorized to be requested for a regular legislative session.
  - SB109 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
  - Mr. McCormick noted that a similar bill limiting bill draft requests, <u>AB585</u>, was vetoed by the Governor.
- <u>SB120</u> Revises provisions relating to the administration of justice.
  - SB120 was approved by the Governor.
- <u>SB275</u> Revises provisions relating to domestic relations.
  - SB275 was approved by the Governor.
  - Section 7 of the bill includes language that the AOC shall continue to provide family court training to judges that includes the topics of domestic violence and child abuse, as well as make that training available to other judicial officers and court staff that work within the jurisdiction of family court to the extent that funding is available.
    - Mr. McCormick noted that due to how extensive the training would be, he does not believe the AOC currently has the resources to provide the additional training to other judicial officers and court staff.
- SB283 Makes appropriations to Clark County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks for programs for rental assistance to certain persons.
  - SB283 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
  - Mr. McCormick noted that a similar rental assistance bill, <u>AB475</u>, was approved by the Governor and is listed as effective upon passage; normally, appropriations bills become effective at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
    - Per AB475, \$15,000,000 will go to Clark County, \$5,250,000 will go to the City of Reno, and \$750,000 will go to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority to fund eviction diversion programs. Local governments that received funding are to report expenditures to the Interim Finance Committee. Mr. McCormick advised eviction diversion courts to contact the above recipient agencies for further information.
- <u>SB359</u> Makes various changes relating to traffic offenses.
  - SB359 was approved by the Governor.
  - SB359 authorizes a court to consolidate a criminal complaint for a misdemeanor offense and a civil infraction, with the standard of proof for the consolidated complaint based upon that of a civil infraction. The bill additionally stipulates that courts shall not fix the bond to more than the amount of the full administrative assessment and relevant civil infraction fees from the citation, clarifies who is to collect civil penalties, and prohibits courts from awarding attorney's fees or costs to any party when contesting a civil infraction citation.

- <u>SB390</u> Revises provisions relating to the support of children.
  - SB390 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
- <u>SB432</u> Revises provisions relating to privacy.
  - SB432 was approved by the Governor.
  - SB432 will be effective October 1, 2025; Mr. McCormick believes there may be further litigation involving the bill.
- <u>SB457</u> Revises provisions relating to public safety.
  - SB475 did not meet the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for passage.
  - SB475 was the Governor's "Crime Bill." Mr. McCormick noted the Nevada
     <u>Independent's article on the bill</u> that detailed its failure to meet the final deadline of the legislative session for those interested.
- <u>SB465</u> Revises provisions relating to certain criminal defendants.
  - SB465 was approved by the Governor.
- AJR8 Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for the establishment of a business court.
  - AJR8 was enrolled and delivered to the Secretary of State. If AJR8 passes through both houses during the 2027 legislative session in the same form that it passed the 2025 legislative session it will go on the general election ballot in 2028.
  - As passed, the language of AJR8 states that the legislature may create a business court
    if funding is available, and the Chief Justice and Chief Judges of the two most populous
    judicial districts may appoint designees to assume their roles on the Special
    Nominating Commission.

#### IV. Discussion

- There was a brief discussion on the bills vetoed by the Governor this legislative session.
  - Mr. Hillerby noted that a number of vetoes issued targeted bills proclaiming certain days of observance, as well as bills that inserted themselves into local government affairs.
  - Mr. McCormick mentioned <u>AB499</u>, a voter ID bill sponsored by Assemblymember Steve Yeager that was unexpectedly vetoed by the Governor.
- It was determined that the Committee is to meet again prior to the end of the year; a survey will be sent out via email to determine the next meeting date.

#### V. Adjournment

• There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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# SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

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

Committee Meeting of April 14, 2025

Prepared by: Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide Coordinator

- The committee accepted proposals for a one-time surplus funding. Twelve court programs received a sum for varying projects to enhance their specialty courts.
- The committee reviewed funding criteria and considered raising funding caps on certain budget items. The committee will vote at the next meeting on whether to keep the caps and allow courts to submit written requests for budget changes beyond the cap or eliminate them.
- The Second Judicial District Court celebrated their Adult Drug Court's 30th Anniversary.
- The national specialty court Best Practice Standards were updated and distributed by All Rise (formerly National Association of Drug Court Professionals).
- Vice Chair Judge Michael Montero shared information on the Winnemucca Brain Health Summit and invited all to attend either in person or virtually.
- The National Treatment Court Month and Mental Health Awareness Month will take place the entire month of May. Court programs are encouraged to engage in community outreach and share events at the next meeting.
- The legislative session has approved the specialty court budget; once the governor signs off, the budget will be presented to the committee for fiscal year 2026 allocations.
- The next Specialty Court Funding & Policy Committee meeting will be July 25, 2024, at 12p.m. It will be held virtually.

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# Clark Regional Judicial Council

June 17, 2025 Noon Summary prepared by Martina Schambra

#### **Voting Members Present**

Chief Judge Jerry Wiese (Chair)
Judge Ryan Toone (Vice Chair)
Judge Alicia Albritton
Judge Gino Briscoe
Judge Melisa De La Garza
Judge Darryll Dodenbier
Judge Christian Jeter
Judge Chris Lee
Judge Gregor Mills

Chief Judge Barbara Schifalacqua

Judge Larry Shupe Judge Dawn Throne Judge Chris Tilman

## **Members Present**

Judge Kristal Bradford
Judge Christy Craig
Judge Noreen DeMonte
Judge Sandy DiGiacomo
Judge Rhonda Forsberg
Judge Jessica Goodey
Judge Gregory Gordon
Judge Ruth Kolhoss
Judge Kerri Maxey
Judge Stacy Rocheleau
Judge Tina Talim
Judge Matthew Walker

#### **AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Martina Schambra

## **Absent Excused**

Judge Crystal Eller Judge Gloria Sturman

#### I. Call to Order

- Chief Judge Wiese called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was present.

## II. Approval of Meeting Summary

• The March 11, 2025, meeting summary was approved as presented.

### III. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates
  - Strategic Plan 2026-2028
    - The Nevada Supreme Court is currently in the process of updating the Strategic Plan and workgroup chats have taken place.
  - Nevada Courts Data Warehouse
    - The AOC is introducing a statewide data repository and performance dashboard system. An ADKT is in the process of being drafted for the data repository's implementation in courts statewide.
  - FY26 AOC Grants
    - The AOC Grant Program for fiscal year 2026 will begin taking applications on July 1st. This year, two funding streams are available: the Trial Court Improvement funding stream, and the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse funding stream.

- Commission to Study the Adjudication of Business Law
  - Ohief Justice Herndon announced the intent to pursue a dedicated business court wherein sitting district court judges would be exclusively assigned business law cases. The Commission will include members of the Nevada Legislature, the Governor's Office, district court judges, attorneys who specialize in business law, representatives of the business community and members of the State Bar of Nevada.
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Civil Law Self Help Center Online Probate Resources
  - The Civil Law Self Help Center with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada launched a new probate section on their website that includes informational material on the probate process and basic probate forms.
- Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Conference
  - o NJLJ's summer conference will be held June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden.
- "What Do You Want to Know?"
  - A request for an organizational chart of the AOC was received during the submission period; Ms. Schambra stated her intention to create a chart to distribute to judges as part of the meeting materials for the next meeting of the Council.
- Legislation Impacting the Eighth Judicial District Court
  - AB3
    - o Increases arbitration limits from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
  - AB65
    - Pertains to guardianship. Allows a guardianship investigator to request vital records without being charged a fee.
  - AB218
    - Did not pass.
    - Sought to establish court hearing reminders via text messages.
  - AB302
    - o Did not pass.
    - Sought to authorize courts to allow witnesses to use facility dogs during testimony.
  - AB320
    - o Did not pass.
    - o Sought to prohibit courts from penalizing defendants due to their attire.
  - AB475
    - Makes appropriations to continue eviction diversion programs throughout the state.
  - AB490
    - o Vetoed.
    - Sought to expand jurisdiction for judicial review of certain final decisions of the Secretary of State from beyond the First Judicial District Court.
  - <u>SB20</u>
    - Removes language that required the Department of Health and Human Services to provide jury lists in violation of federal law.
  - SB140
    - o Expands the Detention Alternative for Autistic Youth (DAAY) court.
  - SB450
    - o Did not pass.
    - O Sought to employ marshals at the county level and not by the courts.
  - Judge Toone noted SB120 and SB359 as affecting limited jurisdiction courts.
    - o <u>SB120</u>
      - Prohibits payment plan fees.

- o SB359
  - Authorizes a court to consolidate a criminal complaint for a misdemeanor offense and a civil infraction
- ADKT 0619 Quarterly Discussion
  - Judge Gordon stated that the AOC recently communicated to the judicial districts what information the AOC will request in reports regarding informal family trials.
- Other Discussion
  - SB359
    - Ohief Judge Wiese noted that the issue of juvenile traffic infractions is still unresolved. There were talks between the Eighth Judicial District Court and the justice courts about moving such cases to the district court so long as the county can provide the necessary resources, but the county preferred the cases stay in the limited jurisdiction courts.
    - Judge Toone shared that his court typically tries to resolve such cases through deferral- working on grades, school attendance.
    - Judge Goodey is concerned about Supreme Court case law that forbids a civil
      judgement against a minor, but courts are still entering such judgements when minors
      are found liable for civil traffic infractions.

# IV. Adjournment

• There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK Assistant Court Administrator

# NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, May 23, 2025 10:00 AM Carlin, NV

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Mem	bers	<b>Present</b>
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Judge Randall Soderquist, Vice-Chair

Judge Bryan Drake

Judge Kriston Hill

Judge Brandy Holbrook

Judge Al Kacin

Judge Karry Larramendy

Judge Darrell Mancebo

Judge Mike Mavity

Judge Spencer Roberts

# **Guests Present**

Ms. Melissa Hall

# **AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Jamie Gradick Ms. Almeda Harper

### **Members Absent - Excused**

Judge Mason Simons, Chair

Judge Kenneth Calton

Judge Bill Gandolfo

Judge Michael Montero

Judge Jim Shirley

# **Members Absent - Unexcused**

Judge Kenneth Quirk

#### I. Call to Order

• Judge Soderquist, as Council vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### II. Determination of a Quorum

A quorum was present.

# III. Approval of Meeting Summaries

• The summary of February 28, 2025, meeting was approved.

### IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates
  - o Ms. Lupie Janos joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as the Family Court Liaison on February 18, 2025.
  - o Ms. Gradick was recently appointed as the Nevada Court Learning and Development Manager, overseeing the AOC's education department.
  - o There are new procedures in CourtView regarding automatic sealing provisions. An email was sent out on February 12, 2025, that outlined the changes and included a list of NOC codes, along with instructions for a new tickler report. Please contact Amber Putz for questions.
  - o The AOC has begun planning for the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan update, following a similar approach to the previous planning strategy. Eleven focus groups consisting of judges, court staff, and members of the bar from across the state have concluded, and a report is expected to be distributed.
  - The Nevada Courts Data Warehouse will be replacing the Uniform System for Judicial Records (USJR) and will provide access to clear, real-time insights into court operations streamlining reporting, simplifying performance tracking, and supporting smarter, data-informed decisions. A recorded webinar is available on the FAQ page, which is linked in the provided pamphlet. Judges

are encouraged to view the recorded webinar and contact Ms. Gradick directly with any questions or concerns. Courts must be on board by December 31, 2026, and courts that enroll early will have the opportunity to provide input in the creation of the program. Funding will be made available through the AOC Grant Program, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## • What Do You Want to Know

- o Ms. Harper reviewed the new standing agenda item which provides a means to share additional information on AOC projects based on the needs of the judges. The topics suggested by the judges will be reviewed and voted on during the Regional Council meetings. Ms. Harper will then research the topics and report back to the members at subsequent meetings.
  - Ms. Harper offered to provide a report on the AOC's reorganization, which is currently in progress and is expected to go live on July 1, 2025.

## • Legislative Update

- In the Chair's absence, Ms. Haper provided a brief update of the status of the Supreme Court's bills. A report will be distributed to the members after the meeting, which includes bills being tracked by the JCSN Legislative Committee.
- Statewide, AOC Sponsored Electronic Case Management System
  - o In the absence of the Chair, this item was tabled for the next meeting.

# • Community Service Reports

- Judge Holbrook reported that she donated the extra food from the Sequential Intercept Model Mapping event to the local food bank.
- o Judge Roberts swore in elementary school students to support reading.
- o Judge Drake is waiting on information from the National Judicial College on the reconstituted *Reading in Robes* program.
- Judge Mavity reported that there were several events in support of Mental Health Awareness Month, including a suicide awareness event organized by local sheriffs and first responders, as well as a pickleball tournament. He also shared that Judge Montero is attending the annual Veterans Breakfast.

## • Other Items and Discussion

- O Judge Drake explained that the court is considering a new program for processing warrants. It is similar to CloudGavel; however, the courts cover the cost of the system, and outside agencies are not required to pay. The program allows agencies to drag and drop pertinent information directly into the warrant. He offered his support to judges seeking guidance on their current warrant process.
- Judge Soderquist shared that on-call and after-hours duties will be shared among all judges in the Elko courts.
- Attendees discussed the Judicial College courses that meet the new judge's educational requirements.
  - Classes will be held in September and October.
  - Judges were encouraged to register as soon as possible. In the past, classes have been canceled due to low attendance.
  - Administrative Assessment fees may be used to cover course registration fees.
  - Funding may be available through the AOC if the new fiscal year 2026 budget allows.
- o Attendees discussed whether it is necessary to issue written rulings.
  - It was explained that written rulings are only required in a motion to suppress.
- Attendees discussed the process of amending charges during a preliminary hearing.
  - Judges do not need to explain why they arrived at their decision only to state the decisions themselves.
- Attendees discussed judges covering cases for one another during recusals or scheduling conflicts.
  - There are no restrictions for judges covering hearings for their colleagues.
  - Judges were encouraged to attend hearings held by other judges to gain experience and knowledge.

- Informational Documents
  - o Members were issued the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse pamphlet.

# V. Future Meetings

- The next Judicial Council of the State of Nevada meeting will be held remotely on August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- The next North Central Regional Judicial Council meeting will be held on August 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Battle Mountain, NV.

# VI. Adjournment

• The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



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# SIERRA REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, May 9, 2025 12:00 PM

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

# **Members Present**

Judge John Schlegelmilch, Chair

Judge Leon Aberasturi

Judge Tom Armstrong

Judge Melanie Burketta

Judge Cheri Emm-Smith

Judge Thomas Gregory

Judge Kristin Luis

Judge Pete Spinuzzi

Judge Laurie Trotter

Judge Camille Vecchiarelli

Judge Jason Woodbury

Judge Tod Young

# **Members Absent - Excused**

Judge Eileen Herrington, Vice-chair

Judge Michael Johnson

Judge Mike Lister

Judge Lori Matheus

Judge Tom Stockard

Judge Ben Trotter

# **Members Absent - Unexcused**

# **Guests Present**

Ms. Maxine Cortes

# **AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Almeda Harper

# I. Call to Order

• Judge Schlegelmilch, as chair, called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

# II. Determination of a Quorum

• A quorum was present.

# III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

• The summary of the January 24, 2025 meeting was approved.

# IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items

- AOC Updates
  - o Ms. Harper informed the members that Lupie Janos joined the Court Resources and Support Unit as the Family Court Liaison on February 18, 2025.
  - O Ms. Harper stated that there are new procedures in CourtView regarding automatic sealing provisions. An email was sent out on February 12, 2025 that outlined the Supreme Court Building ◆ 201 South Carson Street, Suite 250 ◆ Carson City, Nevada 89701 ◆ (775) 684-1700 Supreme Court Building ◆ 408 East Clark Avenue ◆ Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

- changes and included a list of NOC codes, along with instructions for a new tickler report. She offered to re-send the email to the members.
- Ms. Harper notified the members that the AOC has begun planning for the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan update, following a similar approach to the previous planning strategy. Focus groups are convening to discuss preliminary details.
- o Ms. Haper informed the members about the new Nevada Courts Data Warehouse (NCDW) program currently in development. The NCDW will provide access to clear, real-time insights into court operations streamlining reporting, simplifying performance tracking, and supporting smarter, data-informed decisions. Judges are encouraged to attend the webinars showcasing the program's benefits. Funding may be available through the AOC Grants Program.

# What Do You Want To Know

- Ms. Harper reviewed the new standing agenda item, which provides a means to share additional information on AOC projects based on the needs of the judges. Topics suggested by the judges will be reviewed and voted on during the Regional Council meetings. Ms. Harper will then research the topics and report back to the members at subsequent meetings.
  - Judge Schlegelmilch requested a breakdown of the departments within the AOC.
  - Ms. Harper explained the AOC is currently undergoing departmental reorganization. She will provide a report once the reorganization is complete.

# • Community Service Reports/Updates

- o Judge Vecchiarelli hosted local elementary students at the courthouse for a roleplay jury trial. She also attended an Alzheimer's golf tournament and announced there will be a fundraiser on September 14<sup>th</sup> at her local bowling alley.
- o Judge Luis participated in Reading Week.

# • Other Items/Discussion

- o Judge Young provided an update on the Commission to Study Judicial Branch Security.
  - The Commission developed a Judicial Threat Reporting form and encouraged the members to report threats of any nature when the form becomes available.
     The form was reviewed during a public comment hearing and is currently under review by the Justices.
  - He is also helping develop security training materials that will be accessible via JAVS.
    - Judge Spinuzzi shared that his Bailiff traveled to Wisconsin for security updates and training.
  - He noted that threats and attacks are increasing nationwide and recommended members utilize the National Center for State Courts for additional training resources.

- Judge Armstrong requested an update on the AOC sponsored case management system.
  - Ms. Harper offered to request an update and forward the information to the members after the meeting.
- o Judge Schlegelmilch shared that the eFiling kiosk does not automatically close out of personal/confidential pages after a user completes their task. Court staff are self-monitoring the kiosk until the AOC IT team can provide an alternative.
- Judge Aberasturi requested an update on <u>AB66</u>, which addresses the increase in the number of District Court judges.
  - Judge Schlegelmilch explained that the bill is still alive but has not been progressing well.
  - Judge Young added that the bill primarily focuses on the First and Tenth Judicial Districts.
- Members discussed an immigration email forwarded by Katherine Stocks, on behalf of the Attorney General's Office.
  - The email was discussed during the District Judges Seminar in April. A rebuttal may be submitted after the conclusion of the Legislative Session
  - Attendees discussed the judge's jurisdiction in their court rooms and the separation between the courts and the Executive Branch.
- o Judge Emm-Smith announced she will resign from the bench, effective June 2, 2025.

# V. Future Meetings

- Sierra Regional Judicial Council: July 25, 2025, at Noon, in Fallon
- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

# VI. Adjournment

• Judge Schlegelmilch adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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# SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 23, 2025 Carson Valley Inn Casino Minden, NV 4:00 PM

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

### **Members Present**

Judge Steven Dobrescu, Chair
Judge Stephen Bishop, Vice-chair
Judge Dylan Frehner
Judge Matt Hibbs
Judge Danielle Johnson
Judge Dorothy Rowley
Judge William "Gus" Sullivan
Judge Kirk Vitto

# **Members Absent – Excused**

Judge Mike Cowley Judge Jennifer Klapper Judge Robert Lane

# **Members Absent – Unexcused**

Judge Nola Holton Judge Kimberly Wanker

# **AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Almeda Harper

- I. Call to Order
  - Judge Dobrescu, as chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
- II. Determination of Quorum
  - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The summaries of the January 8, 2024, and January 27, 2025, meetings were approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
  - AOC Updates
    - o Ms. Harper provided the following personnel updates
      - Lupie Janos was hired on February 18 as the new Family Court Liaison. She is located in Las Vegas and comes from the Division of Child and Family Services.
      - Jamie Gradick was appointed as the Nevada Court Learning and Development Manager, overseeing the Court Education and Development Department.
      - Rocky Lasagna and MJ Ubando are no longer with the AOC.
    - o Strategic Planning
      - The AOC has begun planning for the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan update, following a similar approach to the previous planning strategy. Eleven focus groups –

consisting of judges, court staff, and members of the bar from across the state – have concluded, and a report is expected to be distributed.

- Nevada Courts Data Warehouse (NCDW)
  - NCDW will replace the Uniform System for Judicial Records (USJR) and will provide access to clear, real-time insights into court operations streamlining reporting, simplifying performance tracking, and supporting smarter, data-informed decisions. A recorded webinar is available on the FAQs page, which is linked in the provided pamphlet. Judges are encouraged to view the recorded webinar and contact Jamie Gradick or Sheldon Steele directly with any questions or concerns.
  - Courts must be on board by December 31, 2026. Courts that enroll early will have the opportunity to provide input on the development of the program.
  - The Warehouse is available at no cost to the courts. If a court is not using the AOC-sponsored CMS, it will need to purchase a bridging program to allow the Warehouse to communicate with the CMS. Funding will be made available through the AOC Grant Program, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- o AOC Grant Program FY2026
  - The AOC Grant Program has been split into two separate funding sources for fiscal year 2026 – Trial Court Improvement and Nevada Data Warehouse. Please visit the AOC Grant Program webpage for more information.
- o NV S.A.V.E.
  - VINE, the current victim notification program regarding offenders' custody status, will be replaced with Nevada S.A.V.E. (NV S.A.V.E.) effective July 1, 2025.
     Vine will send a notification to registered users two weeks prior to the transition.
- What Do You Want to Know
  - o Ms. Harper provided information on the AOC reorganization.
    - The AOC has undergone a substantial reorganization that will take effect on July 1, 2025.
    - A full update will be presented at the next South Central Regional Judicial Council meeting.
- Automatic Sealing Provisions for CourtView
  - o In the absence of Judge Klapper, this item was tabled for a future meeting.
- Meeting Date Alternatives
  - The attendees discussed alternative options for Regional Council meetings and agreed that the Monday before the Limited Jurisdiction Seminars is the best option for inperson meetings. Judge Dobrescu suggested incorporating a second remote meeting so that the Regional Council would meet quarterly in 2026. Those in attendance agreed that afternoons would be the most suitable best time for these meetings.
- Other Items and Discussion
  - Immigration Policy
    - The attendees reviewed <u>NRS 228.208</u> regarding immigration policies and discussed strategies relating to the immigration policy email issued by the Attorney General's Office.
  - Updated Travel Policy
    - The AOC Accounting Department updated it's travel policy, which can be found on the <u>Accounting webpage</u>.
    - Travel forms should be downloaded as needed rather than saved to ensure submission of the most current version.

- All travel and training outside of AOC-sponsored events must be preapproved.
- Travel claims must be submitted within 30 days following the event; otherwise, they will not be reimbursed.
- o Court Technology Conference
  - The AOC will provide funding for one judge and one court staff member per court.
  - The conference will be held September 16-18, 2025, in Kansas City, MO.
  - Preauthorization forms must be submitted to AOC Accounting prior to booking travel. These forms can be found on the <u>accounting webpage</u>.
- Informational Documents
  - Members were issued the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse informational pamphlet.
- V. Future Meetings
  - Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
  - South Central Regional Judicial Council: September 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. (remote)
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



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State Court Administrator



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# **Washoe Regional Judicial Council**

July 9, 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
Judge Terry Graham
Judge Cynthia Lu
Chief Judge Ryan Katherine Sullivan

# **Members Present**

Judge Erica Flavin Judge Dixie Grossman Judge Tamatha Schreinert Judge Chris Wilson

## **AOC Staff Present**

Ms. Martina Schambra

## Absent Excused

Judge Melissa Mangiaracina Judge Kathleen Sigurdson Judge Connie J. Steinheimer

#### **Guests Present**

Ms. Cynda Horning Ms. Alicia Lerud Ms. Veronica Lopez

Judge Egan Walker

- I. Call to Order
  - Chief Judge Jones called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
- II. Call of Roll and Determination of Quorum Status
  - Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
  - The previous meeting summary was approved as presented.
- IV. AOC Updates
  - AOC Staff Update
    - The AOC's Judicial Education Unit is now renamed to the Court Education and Development Department and led by Jamie Gradick, the Court Education and Development Manager. James Popovich is still acting as the manager of In-Person Education.
    - Kymberli Williams, previously the Language Access Program Administrator, is now a Court Education and Development Administrator with a focus on distance learning.
    - Mandy Walker is the new Language Access Program Administrator. The Council was advised to reach out to Mandy with any language access concerns.
    - Sam Leif is the new Continuous Learning Program Coordinator.
  - Nevada Courts Data Warehouse
    - The Nevada Courts Data Warehouse will be a statewide data repository and performance dashboard system. The Council was advised to reach out to Jamie Gradick or Sheldon Steele with any questions or concerns related to the Data Warehouse.

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- FY26 AOC Grant Funding
  - The AOC Grant Program for fiscal year 2026 began taking applications on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, two funding streams are available: the Trial Court Improvement funding stream, and the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse funding stream.
- AOC Travel Policy Update
  - Reimbursement for the Court Technology Conference will be limited to registration fees only for one judge and one staff member per court. Additionally, per the updated travel policy, courts will need to fill out a preauthorization form and submit it prior to travel.
    - Judge Higgins noted that the AOC is pausing most travel and that there will only
      be one Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction (NJLJ) conference per year. The
      NJLJ Board is inquiring about the costs associated with the conference.
    - Chief Judge Jones is currently seeking clarity from the AOC Accounting Department about the available budget for travel.
- NV SAVE Replaces Vine
  - VINE is the current victim notification program regarding offenders' custody status and is to be replaced with Nevada SAVE. Originally, this change was to happen by July 1st, but the Attorney General's Office has decided to extend VINE's operations by two months. An official date has not been determined, but they are aiming for an August release. Courts will need to replace any VINE postings with NV SAVE postings. Additionally, Vine will send notifications to registered users regarding the switch two weeks before the transition.
- Nevada Supreme Court to Create Commission to Enhance Nevada Business Court
  - Chief Justice Herndon announced the intent to pursue a dedicated business court wherein sitting district court judges would be exclusively assigned business law cases. The Commission will include members of the Nevada Legislature, the Governor's Office, district court judges, attorneys who specialize in business law, representatives of the business community and members of the State Bar of Nevada.
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Civil Law Self Help Center Probate Materials
  - The Civil Law Self Help Center with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada launched a new "probate" section on their website that includes informational material on the probate process and basic probate forms.
- "What Do You Want to Know?"
  - There were no topic suggestions.

#### V. Discussion and Action Items

- Court Updates
  - Second Judicial District Court *Chief Judge Lynne Jones* 
    - The Second Judicial District Court will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their drug court on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Court is still pushing forward on a new courthouse; a consultant was hired and the procurement model was handed to Washoe County to look at the portion of funding they would be responsible for. Chief Judge Jones reported that testing is being done to examine the safety of the current court building.
    - Representatives from the National Center for State Courts are conducting a criminal case flow analysis study, which was made possible via grant funding.
    - There is currently openings in both the Mental Health Court and the Veterans
      Treatment Court. Ms. Lerud offered to provide materials on the referral process
      for anyone interested.
  - Reno Justice Court Chief Judge Ryan K. Sullivan
    - Emily Ruff has joined Reno Justice Court as their Specialty Court Coordinator.
    - All Rise will soon come to view specialty court proceedings and provide personalized feedback to the Court.
    - There has been an uptick in domestic violence jury trials in the last few months.

- Reno Municipal Court Chief Judge Justin Champagne
  - The Reno Municipal Court is part of the pilot program for the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse. Additionally, the Court is considering applying for the AOC Grant Program's Nevada Courts Data Warehouse funding stream.
  - Judge O'Neill has created a pantry full of basic necessities to assist those in need who are navigating the Veterans' Treatment Court; Judge Champagne intends to create a similar resource for those in the Co-Occurring Disorders Court and Young Adult Offender Court through a partnership with the Katie Grace Foundation.
  - Judge Champagne met with representatives with the State of Nevada to discuss a workforce preparation program to potentially incorporate into the specialty court program.
  - The recent layoffs of City of Reno employees did not affect Reno Municipal Court.
- Sparks Justice Court Chief Judge Kevin Higgins
  - Court interpreters will no longer be booked for weekend bail hearings; LanguageLine will be used exclusively.
  - A needs assessment was recently conducted in the Sparks Recovery Court, which
    revealed a lack of basic necessities for some participants that the Sparks Justice
    Court was able to provide.
- Sparks Municipal Court Judge Shirle T. Eiting
  - Sparks Municipal Court is participating in the pilot program for the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse.

# VI. Adjournment

• There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.