



Minutes of February 14, 2005 ISC Meeting

Committee members in attendance: Hugh D. Hayes
Robert Jacobs
Sheldon Finman

Others in attendance: Peter Hoffmann
Suzanne Ederr
Carrie Smith
Barbara LeGrande
Cary Cliff
Betty Gourley

1. Minutes and ISC Actions on February 14, 2004.
 - **Action:** Motion to approve minutes as submitted passed unanimously.
2. Public Comment
 - **Action:** Public speakers for the meeting were recognized.

Barbara LeGrande, Esquire – raised concerns with regard to difficulties in obtaining Creole interpreters in Lee County dependency cases. Court Administration Staff will look into the issue and report back at the next ISC meeting.

Cary Cliff, Esquire – raised concerns with regard to the rotation policy in Collier County for dependency court-appointed attorneys; suggested that a competitive bid process be used to obtain a primary court-appointed attorney to handle dependency cases, with a registry to be used as back-up where there is a conflict with the primary court-appointed attorney. Court Administration Staff will look into the issue and report back at the next ISC meeting.

3. Review of additional applications for ISC Registry:
 - Amber Weaver
 - Robert M. Lipshutz
 - Lance M. McKinney
 - Beth A. Prather
 - **Action:** The ISC unanimously approved the 4 new applications to be added to the registry of court-appointed attorneys.

4. Gaps in ISC Fee Structure
 - **Action:** The ISC approved the following additions to the current fee schedule:
 - Add "Criminal Traffic" to the already existing category entitled "Misdemeanor".
 - Create a new category entitled "Jimmy Ryce" with a fee structure identical to the fee structure already established for "PBLs & Life felonies".
 - Create a new category entitled "Contempt Proceedings" with a fee structure of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1000.00, unless extraordinary circumstances are shown and approved by court order.
 - Create a new category entitled "Miscellaneous – all proceedings not otherwise listed" with a fee structure of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1000.00, unless extraordinary circumstances are shown and approved by court order.

5. Next Meeting
 - **Action:** The ISC selected April 11, 2005, 12:00 p.m., as the next meeting date.

Staff Follow-up:

- a. Update the registry to add the 4 new names; provide updated registry to JAC, Chief Justice, Clerks, Court Administration registry points of contact; post updated registry on the ISC Web page.
- b. Update the fee schedule as approved by the ISC; provide updated fee schedule to JAC; post updated fee schedule on the ISC web page.
- c. Review issue regarding Creole interpreters
- d. Review issue regarding competitive bid process for Collier dependency attorneys.
- e. Review issue of amending registry to account for court-appointed attorneys in miscellaneous categories.