



Minutes of August 15, 2005 ISC Meeting

Committee members in attendance: Chief Judge Hugh D. Hayes
Robert Jacobs, Public Defender
Sheldon Finman, Esquire
Peter Ringsmuth, Esquire

Others in attendance: Richard Callanan
Suzanne Ederr
Carrie Smith
Brenda Giessman
Diane Dramko
Barbara LeGrande
Betty Gourley
Steve Carlson

Phone attendance: JAC Staff

1. Minutes of meeting held June 6, 2005.
- **Action:** Motion to approve minutes passed.

2. Public Comment

- **Action:** Public Comment offered by Attorney Diane Dramko – Ms. Dramko requested that the ISC set an hourly attorney's fee rate for extraordinary travel in juvenile dependency cases and recommended \$100/hour. After discussion, the Committee accepted and adopted Ms. Dramko's recommendation. The fee schedule is to be amended under the juvenile dependency category to allow for travel time in the amount the \$100/hour with the trial judge's approval.

- **Action:** Public Comment offered by Asst. Public Defender Steve Carlson – Mr. Carlson raised the question as to who is responsible for

paying for experts who perform juvenile competency exams, arguing that the Courts rather than the PD should pay, referring to Fla. Stat. 985.223 and 916.115. After discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

3. Follow-up as to Attorney Joseph Rinella's application, which was provisionally approved at the June 6th meeting subject to him obtaining malpractice insurance.

- **Action:** It was reported to the ISC by Court Administration staff that Mr. Rinella has withdrawn his application. No additional action taken.

4. Review of additional applications for ISC Registry:

- Brennan, Beverly L.
- Burr, Robert O.
- Gennett, Gregory A.
- Isaacs, William
- Kirby, Lisa P.
- Mills, John D.
- O'Brien, Christopher G.
- Oosterbaan, Adam J.
- Shirley, Kevin C.
- Taylor, Phillip H.
- any other additions

Requests for removal from certain categories:

- Marryott, Thomas D.
- Nicola, Tamara Lynne
- Sullivan, Richard K.
- Vitale, Nico J.

- **Action:** An oral summary of the new and amended applications was provided to the ISC by Court Administration staff, and a report was provided as to the attorneys requesting removal from certain categories. All of the new and amended applications appeared to be in order and subject to approval, with the following exceptions: Attorney William Isaacs is currently employed by DCF and cannot currently accept appointments; Attorney Philip H. Taylor stated in the cover letter provided with his application that he did not meet the minimum requirements for the juvenile dependency category. The ISC approved

all of the applications except for those submitted by Attorney William Isaacs and Attorney Philip H. Taylor.

5. Proposals submitted in response to RFP/Q for Collier dependency attorneys

- Cary Cliff, Esq.

- **Action:** Report by Court Administration staff indicating that Cary Cliff was the only attorney to submit a proposal and that, based on that proposal, he appeared qualified. The ISC approved offering the Collier dependency contract to Cary Cliff, Esq.

6. Report as to new computerized Automated Registry Program.

- **Action:** Report by Court Administration as to the status of the implementation of the computerized Automated Registry Program. No action taken by the Committee.

7. Next Meeting

- **Action:** The ISC selected **Monday, November 14, 2005, 12:15 p.m.** as the next meeting date.

Staff Follow-up:

- a. Update the fee schedule.
- b. Provide updated fee schedule to JAC and post on the ISC web page.
- c. Update the registry.
- d. Provide updated registry to JAC, Chief Justice, Clerks, Court Admin registry points-of-contact; post updated registry on the ISC web page.
- e. Send notification to attorneys not accepted for the Registry.
- f. Send notification to Cary Cliff, Esquire advising that he has been selected for the Collier dependency contract.