

**Office of the Circuit Executive  
United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit  
Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee [LRCC] Meeting  
Conference Call: February 23, 2018**

**Participants:** Darrel J. Gardner, Esq., AK, LRCC Chair, John (Jay) B. McEntire, Esq., WAE, Chair Elect, Mary B. Pinkel, Esq., AK, Jody Corrales, Esq., and Christina Covault, Esq., AZ, Misty Perry Isaacson, Esq., CAC, Peter Fear and Thomas R. Phinney, Esq., CAE, Maria Bermudez & Linda Lopez, Esq., CAS, Gail Cosgrove, Esq., HI, Nicole C. Hancock, Esq., ID, Kathleen DeSoto, Esq., MT, Russell E. Marsh, Esq., NV, Amy Potter, Esq., OR, and Samantha D. Malloy, Esq., OR, Blanca Rodriguez, WAE, Thomas S. Linde, Esq. and Roger Townsend, Esq., WAW and Nadia Bermudez, CAS, Roger Seman, Esq., CNMI, Tom Linde, Esq., WAW,

**Unable to Participate:** Doreen Spears Hartwell, LRCC Vice Chair, NV, Erick Howard, Esq. and Ashok Ramani, Esq., CAN, Rodney J. Jacob, Esq., GU, Shea C. Meehan, Esq., WAE, and James Stephen Azadian, Esq., CAC, Chair, Appellate Lawyer Representatives

**Minutes**

I. **Introductory Remarks** Darrel J. Gardner, LRCC Chair, AK  
**Review of the Recent Conference of Chief District Judges & LRCC**

Darrel Gardner welcomed meeting participants and expressed appreciation to those who were able to participate in the Conference of Chief District Judges and LRCC in Tucson. He thinks the Chiefs will go back to their districts and make some changes that could provide accommodations for young parents after listening to the candid remarks made by California State Bar Association President Renee Galente.

Nicole Hancock, ID, commented that she was surprised by Galente's messaging. Idaho is very conservative but Chief District Judge Winmill took a "roll up your sleeves" approach to the issues brought up during the program. She will be following up by developing language for the District of Idaho website to simplify and make easily accessible searches or inquiries about these issues. Paul Grewal's presentation was also excellent. Ms. Hancock asked if there might be the possibility of developing an "information center" to collect information about what all the districts are doing regarding these matters.

Roger Townsend, WAW, thinks that Renee Galente's approach was effective because the issues she discussed were about medical health. Instead of getting into the # Me Too movement, these are issues that can be addressed and resolved such as designation of a room, facilities questions and even considering the development of a Women Lawyers' Mothers' group. There are possibilities that also might be helped by

the GSA. Perhaps this will lead to an “accommodation statement” or the courts that have such a statement can be a resource.

Blanca Rodriguez, WAE, reported that she spoke to other districts to get more information and Nadia Bermudez, CAS, explained that this is a big issue for the Southern District’s Chief District Judge Barry T. Moskowitz. Roger Townsend, WAW, thought this discussion was a valuable exercise since it also demonstrated that the judges see themselves as approachable and this was a surprise. Darrel Gardner responded that this was the purpose of the meeting: to share a melting pot of ideas that can be taken back to the districts. He asked if people enjoyed having the group lunch event and everyone agreed that this was really the best way to enable people to maximize the time they were together. Everyone agreed that group lunches should take place at future conferences.

**II. Update: Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges**

Misty Perry Isaacson, CAC, Organizer

Ms. Perry Isaacson reported that the Ninth Circuit’s bankruptcy lawyers are organizing three different panels that will involve round table discussions. Each program will be 15 minutes and then break up into a round table discussion. Topics will involve: civility, sexual harassment, recommendations to issuance of orders and administering challenging aspects of bankruptcy law such as cryptocurrency. The conference will be happening in Reno and she observed that room rates were very reasonable!

**III. Update on the Conference Executive Committee’s Planning**

John “Jay” McEntire, WAE, LRCC Chair Elect

Jay McEntire reminded participants that the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference will happen at the Anaheim Marriott, July 23-26 and that the check in date is Sunday, July 22. There are some very interesting general sessions planned. Topics will include: Rise and Fall of Free Speech with Prof. Jonathan Turley, Law of Leaks, cryptocurrency, opioid epidemic, a sports program focusing on the legal rights of the 21<sup>st</sup> century athlete, and the law of war.

District dinner night will be Tuesday, July 24. Wednesday afternoon programs will be broken up into smaller format “workshops” that will enable participants to select the session they want to attend. The goal is to try to permit more interaction among participants and speakers.

**LRCC Activities at the Conference:**

**1. Sunday, July 22: Reception at the Jazz Kitchen:** Misty Perry Isaacson

The reception for the Ninth Circuit's lawyer representatives is being planned. To date, \$8000 has been raised. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early enough to make the **6:30 p.m. event at the Jazz Kitchen in downtown Disney**. The FBA and other resources have provided funds to make the event possible. The menu looks great and the gathering will be on the balcony with drinks and appetizers. Attendees will be there in time to see the 9:00 p.m. fireworks at Disneyland! This is looking to be a very special event to enable the Circuit's lawyers to network and get to know each other better. All lawyer reps, their significant others and FBA chapter leaders are invited.

**2. New Lawyer Representatives Orientation Breakfast:** Monday, July 23, 7:30 a.m., chaired by Doreen Spears Hartwell. This will be a panel of three LRCC members who discuss the various roles of the LRCC. Volunteers: Jody Corrales, AZ, Linda Lopez, CAS and Misty Perry Isaacson, CAC, offered to be the third panelist.

**3. Lawyer Representatives Business Meeting:** Monday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.

This is where resolutions and elections for the vice chair position and two "at large" members of the Conference Executive Committee are elected.

**Elections:** 1 vice chair of the LRCC, also serves on the Conference Executive Committee. The vice chair goes up the ranks to LRCC Chair in 2021.

**2 At Large Members:** Elected to the Ninth Circuit's Conference Executive Committee for a three-year term that would end in 2021. Their main responsibilities involve helping to plan the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

**IV. District Activities**

James Stephen Azadian, Esq., CAC, Chair, Appellate Lawyer Representatives, reminded lawyer representatives to include ALRs in the invitation lists for the District Dinners. Jody Corrales, AZ, reported that they will have their annual Arizona District Conference on March 9. Linda Lopez reported that the Southern District of California is presenting a session on cryptocurrency at their district conference.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.