

**Office of the Circuit Executive
United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit
Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee [LRCC] Meeting
Conference Call: April 17, 2018**

Participants: Darrel J. Gardner, Esq., AK, LRCC Chair, John (Jay) B. McEntire, Esq., WAE, Chair Elect, Doreen Spears Hartwell, LRCC Vice Chair, 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, Cynthia Ecube, GU, 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, and Shea Meehan, WAE, Thomas S. Linde, Esq. and Roger Townsend, Esq., WAW and Nadia Bermudez, CAS, Roger Seman, Esq., CNMI, Tom Linde, Esq., WAW, Brenda Wexler, Gonzalo Martinez, CAN substitute, and

Unable to Participate: NV, Erick Howard, Esq. and Ashok Ramani, Esq., CAN, and James Stephen Azadian, Esq., CAC, Chair, Appellate Lawyer Representatives

Minutes

I. Introductory Remarks & Approval of Minutes Darrel J. Gardner, LRCC Chair, AK

Darrel Gardner welcomed meeting participants. He commented on how much he will miss not working with such a dynamic group of LRCC members. The minutes from the February 23 meeting were approved unopposed.

Mr. Gardner asked if everyone received their Conference invitation that was emailed the previous day. He reminded everyone to register and stated that dinners for the U.S. Marshals should be paid by the districts. He reminded participants that the cost of registration increases after June 29 so take advantage of early bird registration! He also asked Renée Lorda when district reports were due: they are due on June 8.

Conference Planner Pam O'Neill asked participants to turn in the information on district dinners by May 7.

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. Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives Networking Reception Misty Perry Isaacson, CAC

Ms. Perry Isaacson reported that they have increased the space at Jack Brennan's Jazz Kitchen and more funding from the FBA and the members of the bar in the Central District of California have made it possible to rent the venue until 10:00 p.m.

IV. Conference Programs for Lawyer Representatives and LRCC Members

A. New Lawyer Representatives' Orientation Breakfast Meeting: Monday, July 23,

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Doreen Spears Hartwell, NV, LRCC Vice Chair

Ms. Spears Hartwell is chairing this program at the Conference and explained that she would like volunteers to organize the program and make presentations. The orientation brings together lawyer reps with one year's length of service or less from every district throughout the Circuit. In addition to orienting lawyer reps to circuit governance, people find out about what it means to be a lawyer rep and how they can benefit from the experience. Volunteers for the program include: Jody Corrales, Misty Perry Isaacson, and Linda Lopez. Samantha Molloy from the District of Oregon asked if the LRCC should go and she responded "yes."

B. Lawyer Representatives Business Meeting: Monday, July 23, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

John "Jay" McEntire, WAE, LRCC Chair Elect

Mr. McEntire explained that the business meeting is attended by all lawyer representatives. In addition to doing an overview of lawyer representatives accomplishments and program successes, there will be elections for three positions:

- 1 LRCC vice chair position that will progress to Chair Elect and then Chair of the LRCC in 2021. This position also serves on the Conference Executive Committee for 3 years with term ending in 2021. **Requirement: must be LRCC Co-Chair or in your final year as a lawyer rep.**
- 2 "At Large" positions on the Conference Executive Committee that would serve for three years with term ending in 2021. The Conference Executive Committee is responsible for creating the circuit conferences.

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Renée Lorda will email the recruitment information to all the Circuit's lawyer representatives calling for interested candidates.

In addition to elections, there is a panel presentation. A suggested topic involved tips on creating effective District Conferences. Mr. McEntire asked for volunteers to develop tips on what works well and what doesn't. Brenda Wexler and Christina Covault will work with Jay McEntire to develop the presentation. He explained that a disadvantage of the circuit conferences is that there is a loss of institutional knowledge when lawyer rep chairs change. He recounted a program in 2016 in Big Sky, MT that provided the opportunity to break into smaller group discussions and involved sharing ideas about programs and speakers. He observed that having a chance to share ideas with 174 other lawyers is an amazing perk!

C. Resolutions

Darrel J. Gardner, AK, LRCC Chair

Darrel Gardner provided an overview of the resolutions process. He explained that the Resolutions Subcommittee ordinarily waits until the outlines of a program are in place to discuss desirable subjects for conference resolutions. They may approach district delegations to solicit resolutions or to suggest the drafting of a resolution on a particular subject. It reviews and passes along for publication any appropriate resolutions received by the deadline set by the Conference Chair. Darrel asked if there is any interest in pursuing resolutions and read from the Lawyer Representatives Orientation Manual describing the Resolution process. He suggested that they need to think about this now 3 months before the Conference. He also encouraged LRCC participants to review the links and files of previous resolutions provided in the agenda materials.

V. District Updates

An opportunity for LRCC Members to discuss what is going on in their districts.

A. Western District of Washington

Roger Townsend described that they did something different for their District Conference. Instead of having an afternoon session at the District Court house, they went into the community for a day-long meeting. They asked the speakers from the Korematsu program to come to Seattle where they had an inspiring Conference on Friday, April 13. In addition to Dale Minami and Karen Korematsu, they also had the first attorney general who had filed the first travel ban case. They expanded the San Francisco version of the program and had a gathering afterwards. Fellow LRCC co-chair Tom Linde stated that they presented the went beyond the bar audience. In the afternoon, they transitioned to a legal CLE with law students and presented an analysis of the Hirobayashi cases. This year's program was very successful and the bar has been set higher for next year!

B. Southern District of California

Linda Lopez reported that the Southern District Conference happened two weeks earlier and was done in the courthouse. The bench and bar attend in addition to probation, pretrial and the clerks. They had a working dinner on April 3 and the conference was on April 4. They had a cryptocurrency panel at the Conference. Ms. Lopez explained that they had set the panel up with four panelists but there was a catch: judges commented that they would have liked to have heard more from the tutorial segment. Jay McEntire, who is organizing the first cryptocurrency panel at the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, commented that the whole segment will be devoted to a tutorial.

C. District of Arizona

Christina Covault said that they held the conference on March 9. She said that judges and members of the FBA are the standard audience.

D. Central District of California

Misty Perry Isaacson said that their district conference is on Friday, April 27, with dinner and cocktail reception. This year they have joined with Loyola University School of Law to develop the program. They will be joined by Carol Castillo from CNN who will discuss the future of news.

IV. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next conference call will be on Tuesday, June 12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.