

Minutes  
Conference Call, April 19, 2005, Noon  
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on April 19, 2005. Chief Justice William Hill, Justice Marilyn Kite, Justice Michael Golden, Judge Jeff Donnell, Judge John Brooks, Judge Mike Huber, Judge Terry Tharp, and Judge Bob Skar attended. Holly Hansen and Ronda Munger also attended.

The Board's conference call was prompted by the short timeframe of the new Guardians ad litem legislation. The state legislature has appropriated over two million dollars for attorney guardian ad litem fees. Holly Hansen gave a presentation to the Board which explained that the monies will be put in the Supreme Court's budget and she and Joann Stockdale will oversee the process of dispersing that money.

Holly gave a presentation to the district judges at their meeting in Newcastle on April 8th and 9th. Holly explained that the district judges will be responsible for drafting rules under which the money can be dispersed. The district judges appointed a three judge subcommittee, consisting of Judge Donnell, Judge Hartman and Judge Young, to come up with the final draft. The draft then will be sent to many of the entities in the state that deal with GAL issues.

The Board will be responsible to adopt the proposed rules at its June 1, 2005 meeting in Cheyenne.

Board Adjourned 12:50 a.m.