

## WYOMING JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Wyoming Supreme Court, Room 237

Microsoft Teams

June 10, 2024

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

**Members:** Chief Justice Kate Fox (Chair), Justice Lynne Boomgaarden, Justice Kari Gray, Judge Catherine Rogers, Judge Joseph Bluemel, Judge Dawnessa Snyder, Judge Nathaniel Hibben, Judge John Prokos, Judge Wendy Bartlett

### WJC BUSINESS

#### **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

**DINNER AT CHIEF JUSTICE FOX'S HOUSE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6:00 P.M.**

ADDRESS: 322 W 28<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Welcome**

Chief Justice Fox

#### **WJC Rule Amendment – Open Meetings**

Council Discussion

Attachment A – Draft amendment to Rule 9 of the Rules and Procedures Governing the Wyoming Judicial Council

At the March meeting, the WJC requested an agenda item to discuss the possibility of amending the Rules and Procedures Governing the Wyoming Judicial Council to make WJC meetings public. Council members will discuss the draft amendment.

**DECISION POINT:** Whether to amend the Rules and Procedures Governing the Wyoming Judicial Council to make WJC meetings public.

#### **Judicial Pay**

Council Discussion

Attachment B – NCSC Survey of Judicial Salaries

Council members will discuss judicial pay in Wyoming and how to ensure judicial pay is competitive.

**DECISION POINT:** Whether to take any action on judicial pay, and if so, what action should the WJC take.

#### **Lehman Award**

Chief Justice Fox

Chief Justice Fox will lead a discussion on possible candidates for the 2024 Lehman Award, which is presented at the Wyoming Bar Conference in the fall.

**DECISION POINT:** Whether to select a Lehman Award winner for 2024, and if so who.

### WJC AND PRAC COMMITTEES

#### **HR Committee**

Judge Chambers

Attachment C – Proposed employee compensation allocation

Attachment D – Proposed amended Classification Structure

Attachment E – Proposed Amendments

Judge Chambers will present the recommendation of the HR Committee on the allocation of appropriation for employee compensation.

**DECISION POINT:** Whether to adopt, or amend and adopt, the recommendation of the HR Committee on the allocation of employee compensation.

Judge Chambers will discuss recommended changes to the Classification Structure proposed by the HR Committee.

<p>Use of Retired Judges Policy</p>	<p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the recommendation of the HR Committee to amend the Classification Structure.</p> <p>Judge Chambers will also present the recommendation of the HR Committee that the WJC adopt the amended Use of Retired Judges Policy.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the amendments to the Use of Retired Judges Policy.</p> <p><u>HR Committee Members:</u> Judge Chambers (chair), Chief Justice Fox, Judge Froelicher, Judge Robinson, Judge Coombs</p>
<p><b>Legislative Relations Committee</b> Chief Justice Fox and Elisa Butler</p> <p>Attachment F – Management Council approved interim topics</p> <p>Attachment G – Treatment Court proposed statutory changes</p> <p>Attachment H – Treatment Court bill draft</p> <p>Attachment I – Protection order issues and proposed statutory changes</p> <p>Attachment J – Proposed focus for 2025 interim and 2026 legislative session</p>	<p>Elisa will provide some background on interim topics approved by the Legislature’s Management Council, as well as a discussion on proposed statutory amendments for Treatment Courts, and the Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force.</p> <p>Chief Justice Fox and Elisa Butler will present the interim topics for the Joint Judiciary Committee and the Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to ratify the Legislative Relations Committee decision move forward with JJC.</p> <p>Chief Justice Fox will also discuss the Committee’s proposed focus for the Judicial Branch during the 2025 interim and 2026 legislative session.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve the proposed focus for the Judicial Branch during the 2025 interim and 2026 legislative session and determine priorities.</p> <p><u>Legislative Relations Committee Members:</u> Judge Christensen (chair), Chief Justice Fox, Judge Conder, Judge Healy, Judge Haws</p>
<p><b>Forms Committee</b> Judge Darrah</p> <p>Attachment K – Proposed Protection Order Forms</p>	<p>Judge Darrah will present the recommendation of the Forms Committee that the WJC adopt the proposed protection order forms.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve the proposed self-help protection order forms.</p> <p><u>Forms Committee Members:</u> Judge Darrah (chair), Judge Johnson, Judge Westby, Judge Collier, Janet Montgomery, Diane Nuttall, Mackenzie Williams, Erik Oblasser, Angie Dorsch</p>
<p><b>WRCP</b> Justice Fenn</p> <p>Attachment L – Proposed Remote Proceedings Rule</p> <p>Attachment M – Proposed Remote Depositions Rule</p>	<p>Justice Fenn will present the recommendation of the WRCP Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee that the WJC recommend adoption of the proposed rule amendments to the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve and recommend the proposed rule amendment regarding remote proceedings to the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve and recommend the proposed rule amendment regarding remote depositions to the Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>WRCP Committee Members:</u> Justice Fenn (chair), Judge Peasley, Judge D. Phillips, Judge Darrah, Mark Harris, Jennifer Beeston, Robert Krause, Clint Langer, Jill Kiester, Deborah Roden, Devon O’Connell, Thomas Rumpke, Alaina Stedillie</p>

<p><b>Circuit Court Audit Committee</b> Judge Haws</p> <p>Attachment N – Proposed Rules for the Uniform System of Accounting and Case Files for Circuit Courts</p> <p>Attachment O – Current Accounting Rules (2014)</p>	<p>Judge Haws will present the recommendation from the Circuit Court Audit Committee that the WJC recommend adoption of the Rules for the Uniform System of Accounting and Case Files for Circuit Court to the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve and recommend the proposed Rules for the Uniform System of Accounting and Case Files for Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>Circuit Court Audit Committee Members:</u> Judge Haws (chair), Justice Boomgaarden, Judge Lee, Judge Jones, Sonia Loya, Heather Eastin</p>
<p><b>EJW Working Group</b> Justice Boomgaarden, Judge Bartlett, Judge Bluemel</p> <p>Attachment P – EJW Committee Purpose and Structure</p> <p>Attachment Q – Proposed Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming</p>	<p>The EJW Working Group will present the recommendation that the WJC adopt the proposed EJW Committee Purpose and Structure document.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the EJW Committee Purpose and Structure document.</p> <p>The EJW Working Group will also present the proposed rule amendment to the Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to approve and recommend the proposed Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming to the Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>EJW Working Group Members:</u> Justice Boomgaarden, Judge Bluemel, Judge Bartlett, Jennifer Hanft, Walter Eggers, Angie Dorsch, Elisa Butler</p>
<p><b>Education Committee</b> Chief Justice Fox</p> <p>Attachment R – Education Committee Purpose and Structure</p>	<p>Chief Justice Fox will present the recommendation of the Education Committee that the WJC adopt the proposed Education Committee Purpose and Structure document.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the Education Committee Purpose and Structure document.</p> <p><u>Education Committee Members:</u> Chief Justice Fox (chair), Judge Overfield, Judge Kirven, Judge McKay, Judge Haws, Judge LaBuda, Judge Bush</p>
<p><b>Technology Committee</b> Justice Boomgaarden</p> <p>Attachment S – Proposed Cybersecurity Awareness Training Policy</p> <p>Attachment T – Proposed Patch Management Policy</p> <p>Attachment U – Proposed Courtroom Technology Policy</p> <p>Attachment V – Technology Division evaluation of Annotation Devices</p> <p>Attachment W – Judge Eames evaluation of Annotation DevicesX</p> <p>Attachment X – Pros and cons of purchasing equipment individually</p>	<p>Justice Boomgaarden will present the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the WJC adopt the proposed Cybersecurity Awareness Training Policy and the Patch Management Policy.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the Cybersecurity Awareness Training Policy and provide an effective date.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the Patch Management Policy and provide an effective date.</p> <p>Justice Boomgaarden will also present the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the WJC adopt the proposed Courtroom Technology Policy. One issue for WJC discussion that came with no recommendation from the Technology Committee is whether the policy should include an annotation device for the witness stand.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to include an annotation device at the witness stand in the Courtroom Technology Policy, and if so, whether the device should be provided to all courts.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt the Courtroom Technology</p>

	Policy and provide an effective date. <u>Technology Committee Members:</u> Justice Boomgaarden (chair), Judge Eames, Judge Sanford, Janet Montgomery, Nichole Lyman
For the Good of the Order	
Adjourn	Chief Justice Fox

FUTURE WJB MEETING DATES:	
	Monday, September 16, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m. to Noon
	Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 8:00 to Noon
	Monday, March 17, 2024 – Full day retreat
<b>DECISION POINT:</b>	Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 8:00 to Noon