

## WYOMING JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Wyoming Supreme Court, Room 237

Microsoft Teams

September 13, 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

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| <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Chief Justice Fox                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>WyLAP</b><br>Cody Jerabek – Director of WyLAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Cody Jerabek will provide information to the Council about WyLAP and the referral process.                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Court Navigator Update</b><br>Victor Payne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Victor Payne will provide an update to the Council on the progress of the court navigator project and future plans on expansion.                                                                                                         |
| <b>Scheduling of WJC Meetings</b><br>Council Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Council members will discuss the scheduling of meetings, and how to select dates of the meetings moving forward.                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Administrative Office of the Courts</b><br>Council Discussion<br>Attachment A – State Court Administrator Rules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Council members will discuss the role of the Administrative Office of the Courts and determine whether there are any changes that should be made to the Order creating the AOC and the State Court Administrator position.               |
| <b>Judicial Salaries</b><br>Council Discussion<br>Attachment B – July 2024 NCSC Judicial Salary Data<br>Attachment C – Judicial Salary Chart for Surrounding States<br>Attachment D – South Dakota Statute<br>Attachment E – South Dakota Salaries History<br>Attachment F – Nebraska Salaries History<br>Attachment G – Utah Salaries History<br>Attachment H – Wyoming Salaries History | The Council will continue its discussion of judicial salaries in light of the recent primary election.<br><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Should the Judicial Branch pursue an increase to judicial salaries during the 2025 legislative session? |
| <b>WJC Minutes</b><br>Council Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Council will discuss the minutes provided from each WJC meeting to determine the amount of detail that should be included.                                                                                                           |

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| <b>National Conferences</b><br>Chief Justice Fox<br>Justice Boomgaarden/Judge Snyder<br><br>Attachment I – Key takeaways from the Legal Deserts Summit                                                                                              | <u>Legal Deserts Summit</u><br>Judge Peasley/Judge Stipe will provide information to the WJC on the Legal Deserts Summit, and possible ideas for the Judicial Branch moving forward.<br><br><u>Judicial Branch Leadership Academy</u><br>Justice Boomgaarden and Judge Snyder will provide information to the WJC on the Judicial Branch Leadership Academy<br><br><u>CCJ/COSCA</u><br>Chief Justice Fox will provide information to the WJC on the Conference of Chief Justices and State Court Administrators.<br><br><u>Cybersecurity Workshop</u><br>Judge Eames will provide information to the WJC on the Cybersecurity Workshop.                                                                                                             |
| <b>WJC AND PRAC COMMITTEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>HR Committee</b><br>Judge Chambers<br><br>Attachment J – Proposed Judicial Branch Classification Structure and Job Classification Review Process<br><br>Attachment K – Proposed Special Pay Request Process                                      | Judge Chambers will present the recommendation of the HR Committee on the process for the review of the Branch classification structure and the process for individual positions reviews.<br><br><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt, or amend and adopt, the recommendation of the HR Committee on the Judicial Branch and position classification process.<br><br>Judge Chambers will present the recommendation of the HR Committee on the process for special pay.<br><br><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Whether to adopt, or amend and adopt, the recommendation of the HR Committee on the process for special pay.<br><br><u>HR Committee Members:</u> Judge Chambers (chair), Chief Justice Fox, Judge Froelicher, Judge Robinson, Judge Coombs |
| <b>Legislative Relations Committee</b><br>Judge Sanford                                                                                                                                                                                             | Judge Sanford will discuss the upcoming Joint Judiciary Committee meeting and provide an update on the state of the Legislature following the primary election.<br><br><u>LR Committee Members:</u> Judge Sanford (chair), Chief Justice Fox, Judge Conder, Judge Healy, Judge Christensen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Technology Committee</b><br>Justice Boomgaarden<br><br>Attachment L –Courtroom Technology Policy<br><br>Attachment M – Technology Division evaluation of annotation devices<br><br>Attachment N – Judge Eames’s evaluation of annotation devices | At the June meeting, the Council voted to adopt the Courtroom Technology Policy, but it requested that the final decision on the inclusion of annotation devices in that policy be tabled until the September meeting. Justice Boomgaarden will provide an overview of the policy, and the background of the discussion on annotation devices from the Technology Committee.<br><br><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.<br><br><u>Technology Committee Members:</u> Justice Boomgaarden (chair), Judge                                                                                          |

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|                                                     | Eames, Judge Sanford, Janet Montgomery, Nichole Lyman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Behavioral Health Committee</b><br>Judge Castano | Judge Castano will provide information to the Council on efforts to launch diversion in Laramie and Natrona Counties. Judge Castano will also discuss proposed amendments to the treatment court statutes discussed by the Legislature’s Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force. |
| <b>For the Good of the Order</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Adjourn</b>                                      | Chief Justice Fox                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## CONSENT LIST

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| Forms Committee recommends approval: |                                                                                       |
|                                      | <a href="#">Attachment O – General Protection Order Form – Certificate of Service</a> |
|                                      | <a href="#">Attachment P – General Protection Order Form – Order to Appear</a>        |

## FUTURE WJB MEETING DATES:

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|                        | Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 8:00 to Noon |
|                        | Monday, March 17-18, 2024 – Retreat      |
|                        | Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 8:00 to Noon      |
| <b>DECISION POINT:</b> |                                          |