



Wyoming Judicial Branch

Purpose and Structure of the Legislative Relations Committee (V2)

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Section 1. Purpose.

In furtherance of the Wyoming Judicial Branch 2025–2028 Strategic Pillar 3: Predictable and Secure Funding to Uphold Judicial Integrity and Efficiency, Goal 1, the purpose of the Legislative Relations Committee is to review and recommend legislative priorities to the Wyoming Judicial Council (WJC) ensuring a coordinated approach to the Branch’s message to the Legislature. The Committee members will act as representatives for the Branch in legislative meetings, and will assist in communicating legislation of interest to the Judiciary back to the Committee members’ respective conferences to receive input and feedback.

The Committee members will act as representatives of their individual stakeholder groups. Members will be responsible for communicating Committee decisions and discussions to their respective stakeholder groups and will also be responsible for communicating input and feedback from stakeholder groups back to the Committee.

Section 2. Committee Membership, Meetings, and Voting.

1. Membership. The Legislative Relations Committee membership will include the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or a designee, two district court judges as appointed by the District Court Conference, and two circuit court judge as appointed by the Circuit Court Conference.

- a. Membership terms will be two years. Initial terms will be staggered for the district and circuit court judges to ensure continuity.
 - b. Members may serve consecutive terms.
 - c. A chairman will be elected at the first meeting and will serve for a two-year term. At the end of the term, a new chairman will be elected from the membership. A chairman may serve two consecutive terms.
2. Staffing. The State Court Administrator and Communications Director will staff the Committee.
 3. Meetings. The Legislative Relations Committee will meet at least quarterly, but may meet more frequently as necessary upon the request of a member or upon suggestion of staff. No action of the Committee may be taken without a quorum of the Committee. Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 4. Voting. Voting shall take place in a meeting of the Committee or via email if necessary.

Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities.

1. The Committee staff will be responsible for the following:
 - a. Facilitating Committee meetings;
 - b. Developing and distributing meeting agendas one week prior to scheduled Committee meetings, absent extenuating circumstances;
 - c. Compiling and distributing meeting minutes;
 - d. Monitoring legislative activities and reporting back to the Committee; and
 - e. Acting as liaison to the legislators.
2. The Committee members will be responsible for the following:
 - a. Reviewing information provided in preparation for Committee meetings;
 - b. Communication of Committee decisions to their respective stakeholder groups;
 - c. Collecting information and concerns from stakeholder groups pertaining to legislative priorities and communicating those to the Committee;
 - d. Creating legislative talking points for the Judicial Branch based on WJC priorities;
 - e. Attending legislative meetings when necessary, and when possible; and
 - f. Presenting Committee recommendations to the WJC.

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