

**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Federal Practice Committee  
Meeting Minutes November 6, 2024 - Noon**

*Meeting was held in the conference room in the Clerk's Office and via phone conference*

Attendees: Chief Judge CJ Williams, Jeana Goosman, Chair, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Ashley Corkery, Alison Guernsey, Shelby Mars, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to approve May 1, 2024 minutes**

Motion was made, seconded, and passed by the committee.

**3. Recap of Summer CLE events: 2024 POWER ACT Presentation (NYND hosting and presenting and over 50 districts participating) and Wellness CLE (Chief Judge Williams hosting and Emily Hughes and Sam Ramsey presenting) on July 19, 2024**

Both CLE events went over very well and received positive feedback. There were approximately 300 participants in total, with 150 attendees at each event. The committee expressed thanks to Emily Hughes and Sam Ramsey for their help with the local wellness event. New York will be scheduling another POWER ACT presentation in March 2025. Details will be forwarded when they are available.

**4. Upcoming CLEs: Federal Practice Seminar December 13, 2024 and Fundamentals of Federal Practice May 9, 2025**

The Federal Practice Seminar will include a jury selection discussion, a judge panel, and CLE credit for wellness. The Fundamentals of Federal Practice Seminar was scheduled to take place in September of 2024, but the ISBA postponed it because the Des Moines courthouse is not ready. It is now scheduled to take place on May 9, 2025. Topics will include motion practice, magistrate case management, and a walkthrough of the new courthouse and the other federal courthouses.

Paul De Young added that volunteers for court sponsored CLEs and ISBA CLE events are welcome. Potential presenters can reach out to him, and he will forward the information to the appropriate parties. Additionally, if there are any suggestions from attorneys regarding criminal or civil practices, please let the committee know. Alison Guernsey suggested Megan Graham as a presenter for AI/technology topics. She will discuss this with Ms. Graham and email Paul De Young about possibly presenting in June or July 2025. Paul De Young will loop in Ethan Olson with respect to ISBA's participation.

**5. Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference July 30, 2025, Kansas City**

Moving forward, the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference will take place every other year. Chief Judge Colloton is currently putting program ideas together. If anyone would like a specific topic included, please reach out to Chief Judge Williams or Paul De Young, and information will be passed along.

**6. Other business**

None

**7. Next meeting**

May 7, 2025

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:18 PM**