

**United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa Federal Practice Committee  
Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025 – Noon**

**Meeting was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Clerk's conference room  
in the Cedar Rapids Courthouse and via phone conference**

Attendees: Jeana Goosmann, Chair, Chief Judge CJ Williams, Paul De Young, Ashley Corkery, Patrick Parry, Paul Gamez, Alison Guernsey, Teresa Morio, Cathy May, Emma Barden

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to approve November 6, 2024 minutes**

Motion was made, seconded, and passed by the committee

**3. Federal Practice Committee's Letter of Support/Nomination of Judge Bremer for 2025 American Inns of Court Eighth Circuit Professionalism Award**

Jeana Goosmann sent a letter of support for the nomination of Judge Bremer on behalf of the committee. It was a joint recommendation by both Iowa Northern and Southern districts. The results have not been announced yet. The award presentation will take place during the circuit conference this summer.

**4. Upcoming CLE events: (1) May 9, 2025 Fundamentals of Federal Practice by IAND, IASD, and ISBA; (2) June 24, 2025 POWER ACT Presentation (NYND hosting and presenting and other districts participating); and (3) July 10, 2025 AI Presentation by IAND and ISBA (Chief Judge Williams hosting and Meghan Graham presenting).**

May 9, 2025: Chief Judge Williams asked the committee to let him know about any topics they would like him to cover during his presentation. Judge Rose will also present at the event. Kristen Sanchez will provide filing information to the attendees. There will be a walkthrough of IT available in the new courtrooms.

June 24, 2025: New York will be hosting the event, with approximately 60 districts attending. The presentation has been approved for one CLE hour, is free, and will take place virtually over the noon hour. A flyer was sent out to the bar today. The event will advocate for more pro bono representation. Last year there were approximately 150 attendees from IAND and IASD.

July 10, 2025: Chief Judge Williams will not be able to host the event due to an out-of-state AI task force conference. If the current date cannot be changed, a different host will need to step in. Megan Graham met with some committee members to discuss content. The topic of ethics may be added to the agenda. She will submit a rough outline of what she will cover in the next few weeks. The committee acknowledged appreciation to Alison Guernsey for her referral of Megan Graham.

**5. Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Kansas City, Missouri July 30 – August 1, 2025; look for registration information soon.**

Registration information has been circulated. Committee members are encouraged to attend, if possible. The working agenda is on the website. Some of the items on the schedule are a panel discussion about criminal law matters in federal court, guideline amendments, and PETRA scores (??), and pretrial detention. If anyone has issues or topics they would like to be addressed, please reach out to Chief Judge Williams via email.

**6. Other business**

Please send any suggestions for December's federal practice seminar to Paul De Young or Chief Judge Williams.

**7. Next meeting**

November 5, 2025

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:16pm**

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Attendees: Chief Judge CJ Williams, Jeana Goosmann, 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**

**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
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Attendees: Chief Judge CJ Williams, Jeana Goosmann, Chair, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Paul Gamez, Ashley Corkery, Alison Guernsey, Shelby Mars, Teresa Morio, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Introductions**

None this meeting.

**2. Motion to approve November 1, 2023 minutes**

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

**3. Update Regarding Reappointment of Chief Magistrate Judge Mahoney and Federal Public Defender Brad Hansen**

The reappointment process continues for both positions. The committee for Chief Judge Mahoney's reappointment will be meeting in Sioux City on Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 AM, and will go as late as 3:00 PM, if needed. Chief Judge Williams and Judge Strand will welcome the panel. Judge Mahoney will be interviewed by the panel at 11:00 AM. Solicited letters have been forwarded to Jeana Goosmann, who is the panel chair.

The Eighth Circuit reached out to Paul De Young and the Southern District of Iowa regarding Brad Hansen's reappointment as Iowa's Federal Public Defender. Both districts provided the Eighth Circuit with contact information for each district's respective bar members so it can request feedback regarding Brad Hansen's reappointment.

**4. Summer CLE Event: 2024 POWER ACT Presentation (NYND hosting and presenting and over 50 districts participating) and Free Wellness CLE (Chief Judge Williams hosting and Emily Hughes and Sam Ramsey presenting) on July 19, 2024. Respective events will be from 12 to 2:30 pm and 2:45 to 3:45/4:15 pm.**

Because the POWER Act presentation will be hosted by NYND, local resources will be updated on the court's website. This presentation will not be eligible for CLE credit, but the information will be helpful for attorneys who desire to provide pro bono services.

Emily Hughes and Sam Ramsey are working on content for the wellness CLE. The wellness CLE will be available live in Cedar Rapids and via Zoom for online participants. The presentation is free and fulfills the annual requirement.

**5. Coordination with the ISBA**

Ethan Olson is going to reach out to Megan Graham with the ISBA.

**6. Other business**

The agenda for the Federal Practice seminar in December is being assembled. If anyone has content ideas, please share them with any of the court's judges. Chief Judge Mahoney is the primary contact for the Northern District.

**7. Next meeting**

November 6, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:12 PM**

**United States District Court  
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**Meeting was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room  
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Attendees: Jeana Goosmann, Chair, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Ashley Corkery, Patrick Parry, Stu Cochran, Shelby Mars, Theresa (Baumann) Morio, Cathy May, Emma Barden

**1. Introductions**

Thank you for your service, Mark Zaiger, and welcome Teresa Morio.

**2. Motion to approve May 3, 2023 minutes**

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

**3. Federal Practice Seminar December 15, 2023**

The seminar will include, among other things: a judges panel, an interview with U.S. Magistrate Judge William Kelly from Iowa Southern, a discussion with counsel about AI's impact on the legal issues clients may need to address, civil and criminal breakout sessions, and current trends in Iowa ethics law. Please attend if you are able and share with your colleagues.

**4. Spring CLE Event**

Paul De Young and Judge Williams discussed the possibility of a wellness CLE. The library fund could be used to bring in a speaker for this. This CLE could include resources for lawyers regarding stress relief, substance abuse, civility towards opposing counsel, not taking stress home, etc. Additionally, the option of an ethics CLE was discussed, but preference is that wellness and ethics should be separate events. An hour would be the ideal length of time for maximum attendance at a wellness CLE. Committee agreed to explore wellness CLE and suggested additional work on this be completed via email, since the next committee meeting is scheduled for May of 2024.

**5. Coordination with the ISBA**

The committee has responded very favorably to Ethan Olson's inquiry, and it is likely that he will have additional information down the road. The committee is willing to help when the ISBA reaches out.

**6. Other business**

No other business.

**7. Next meeting**

May 1, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:13pm**

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**1. Introductions**

No new members to introduce

**2. Motion to approve November 2, 2022 meeting minutes**

Motion to approve meeting minutes from November 22, 2022 was made and approved.

**3. Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference July 12-14, 2023 at the Radisson Blu Mall of America in  
Bloomington, Minnesota**

Ethan Olson is on the planning committee and stated there is a great lineup for this conference. Plenary and breakout sessions will address the rules of evidence, deradicalization, and jury panels related to jury selection. Ethan and Paul De Young are planning on attending, and anyone who is able is also encouraged to attend. Registration is open. The location for 2024 is not yet known.

**4. POWER Act CLE July 7, 2023 at 2:30 pm. Event will be held in the Cedar Rapids Jury Assembly Room, and it will be available online. Current participants/contacts include Judge Williams, Chief Judge Jessica Bear, Joy Mauskemo, who is the Clerk of Court for the Meskwaki Tribal Court, Gea Aitkens, who is a Meskwaki Probation Officer with the Meskwaki Tribal Court.**

Paul De Young and Judge Williams have been addressing the POWER Act CLE. Jourdan Reynolds with RISE, who will also be participating. Iowa Legal Aid and the Meskwaki Tribal Court have been coordinating clinics regarding pro bono work. Panel is organized and content will be finalized in next month. Please share information regarding this CLE with colleagues. Attendance at the previous free CLE event was around 280 people, and attendance at this event is expected to be similar. Online participation has helped to boost attendance.

**5. Other business**

If committee members could start thinking about CLE topics that would be helpful for the Federal Practice Seminar and/or an event in the Spring, that would be appreciated. Reach out to Jeana Goosmann or Paul De Young if you wish to share ideas before the next meeting in November. Additionally, Ethan mentioned that the ISBA is interested in partnering with the committee for CLEs as well.

**6. Next meeting**

November 1, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
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November 2, 2022 - Noon**

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**Attendees:**

Jeana Goosmann, Chair, Judge Williams, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Paul Gamez, Brad Price, Patrick Parry, Shelby Mars, Ashley Corkery, Ethan Olson, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Introductions**

No new members to introduce

**2. Motion to approve May 4, 2022 minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from May 4, 2022 was made and approved

**3. Upcoming CLE: Federal Practice Seminar December 16, 2022**

This will be a live webinar. Sessions include an Article III panel, presentation by Judge Kelly, panel discussion with Judge Roberts, election law, magistrate session, human trafficking, and jury selection bias. A total of 6.75 CLE will be available. Committee members are encouraged to promote this event to attorneys or anyone else who would be interested.

**4. Potential Spring/Early Summer CLE. POWER Act responsibilities fall on the Northern District of Iowa this year.**

The committee is still considering dates, but still need to fall within Fiscal Year 2023. Paul De Young will provide some date options and will shoot for the Spring. It was discussed that it should be a hybrid with both in-person and online options to attend. The need for a Native American component was discussed and possible contacts were considered. Judge Williams discussed the conference that was held in South Dakota, as there were justices who discussed the Native American system. Reaching out to whomever organized that conference may be beneficial. Additionally, attendants may be interested in hearing about the Supreme Court decision in Oklahoma regarding the opioid settlement and the huge ramifications expected from that decision. Jeana will reach out to Judge Johnson in her office. The previous event was online and had over 100 participants.

**5. Biannual scheduled meetings, rather than quarterly scheduled meetings**

It was suggested to schedule biannual meetings instead of quarterly. Additional meetings could be added if needed. A motion was made to the committee and passed.

**6. Terms of Federal Practice Committee members**

A chart of members and their terms of service has been forwarded to committee members.

Jeana Goosmann confirmed her term would run until 2024. Shelby Mars, Ethan Olson, and Brad Price all agreed to a second term on the committee. Pat Parry agreed to a third term.

Committee members are encouraged to forward recommendations for future members to Paul De Young, who will forward them to Judge Williams and Judge Strand.

It was noted that this committee is not actually responsible for CLEs, that typically falls to the Iowa State Bar Association, and that it's more important to focus on the POWER Act and keeping communication open between attorneys, judges, marshals, etc. Additionally, if you hear concerns about Iowa Northern, you are encouraged to reach out to the committee and/or judges.

**7. Other business**

No other business

**8. Next meeting**

February 1, 2023 or May 3, 2023

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM**