United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa Federal Practice Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2024 - Noon

Attendees: Chief Judge CJ Williams, Jeana Goosman, 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 Goosman, 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