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Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting Conference of County Court Judges Ocala, October 31, 1997

President Hugh Grimes convened the meeting at 8:15 a.m. In his opening remarks, President Grimes commented on the last two years of work on judicial long-range planning, noting that we anticipate performance-based budgeting in the near future.

Article V Task Force focuses include six-year terms for County Judges, Merit Selection/Retention in a pure form with an "opt-in" provision for individual counties, increasing mandatory retirement age, deletion of the word "temporary" in permitting Chief Judges to cross assign Judges, but single tier was defeated 11 to 3.

The Minutes were then approved as was the Treasurer's Report.

Admin. & Mgmt. Committee Chair Majeed successfully sought support for a rule change and by-law amendment to formalize our name as The Florida Conference of County Court Judges (which seems to be how we're best known).

The Board also gave support for amendment of R.7.221(a) to provide 45 days (instead of 30) to complete Form 7.343, Hearing in aid of execution.

Conference Manager Earl Collins confirmed the following dates for upcoming Conferences and Executive Board Meetings:

- Jan. 20-24, 1998**
- Mar. 18-20, 1998 Tallahassee** (Wed. night Legislative Recep.)
- Jul. 28- Aug. 1, 1998 Ocean Reef**
- Oct. 21-23, 1998 Brazilian Court, Palm Beach**
- Winter 1999 Daytona**

President Grimes again encouraged all Judges to continue to forward all stories of interest and any judicial accomplishments to *The Courier*.

Court Technology Chair Scott Silverman received Board approval for the Supreme Court recommended uniform case numbering concept. He also reported that the Conference web site is doing well and more than 250 forms will be posted by the time *The Courier* is published. A speaker on "Cyberlaw" is anticipated this summer.

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Judge Silverman then reported for the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee (formerly the Standards Committee) and the "good faith defense" issue.

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Education.....	Terry Lewis,	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Pollock, Karl Grube, Jeff Colbath, Woody Hatcher, Jeff Swartz, Tom Bateman, Keith Brace, Jay Spechler, Ronn Legendre, Anne Kaylor and Lisa Trachman.

(Please note that Phyllis Kotey, Circuit Representative from the Eighth Circuit was present at the last Board Meeting held on July 12, 1997 in Naples.)

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The President's Message

by Judge Hubert L. Grimes

As trial judges, each of us is somewhat isolated in our day to day environment. We singularly hear evidence and make decisions which the parties must abide by or appeal. We operate as individuals for the most part and collegiality in the decision making process is unnecessary since we are acting as a party of one.

Although the job of a trial judge is isolated in its operations, we should never become islands unto ourselves. It is early to slip into a world of isolation. Except by plan or happenstance, many trial judges carry out their day to day functions without seeing another judicial colleague. Dealing with the multitude of cases which are processed through the isolated environs of the trial judge, can create its own skewed view of the world. If we are not careful, we

begin to take on an attitude that "sees the trees, but never the forest". Isolation, when allowed to proceed to an extreme can result in its own form of anti-social behavior, including but not limited to depression, anxiety, stress or at its worse alcoholism, drug use, etc., etc.

For these and many more reasons,

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the Conference of County Court Judges was created. Formal classes and interactive networking amongst colleagues can eliminate the tendency

for trial judges to become isolated. The conference provides an opportunity for sharing concerns, asking questions, or just talking about one's challenges—be it on the job or dealing with the family pressures of day to day life.

Although participation during the summer 1997 session was at an all time high, the board is continuing to seek out ways of letting our trial judges know that they are not alone. The 1997-98 edition of the Conference is off to a great start in large measures because of a resurgence of volunteerism and the putting aside of our individual wants for the benefit of the Conference as a whole. Such efforts are to be applauded and encouraged.

At the Fall Board Meeting, the Conference voted on a number of issues which when taken together will result in a very active year. Your involvement will be the perfect antidote to the daily job isolation that comes with the turf and will serve to help other judges as well. Join a committee and get involved.



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The Board approved a Resolution (printed elsewhere) re:R.3.190(i) and approved seeking amendment of Section 916 to permit forensic commitment of misdemeanants.

Education Chair Terry Lewis explained significant changes made to the January curriculum were due to conflicting dates with the Florida Bar Convention. The Education Committee is close to completion of its Bench Book, perhaps by January. Judge Lewis then said we need another "Needs Assessment" in January, as the last one was conducted in 1994.

The Board approved preliminary development of a Small Claims Video.

Also approved was a \$400.00 expenditure for alcohol awareness exercises at

the Traffic Adjudication Seminar in December, 1997.

Judge Lewis has been appointed to Circuit Court and will be succeeded by former Vice-Chair Sandra Stephens as new Chair and Judge Jeff Colbath as Vice-Chair.

Judge Buzzy Heinrich reported that in response to a JA request to OSCA for sick leave/annual leave comparable to State Attorneys' offices, OSCA responded with a suggestion to eliminate the present plan and leave it up to the individual judge/employer. It is his information that the majority of JA's oppose this proposal. The Committee will study this issue further.

Sentencing Chair Olin Shinholser

has a sub-committee working on fine-tuning the impoundment statute. Please contact him or Judge Feiner with input or questions.

The FCEC is looking at cost-saving measures but no specific details were discussed at the Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Sentencing Committee Report

by Olin W. Shin-

The first issue discussed by the sentencing committee was the inability of county judges to involuntarily commit criminal defendants who are found to be incompetent. See *Charles Onwu v. State* 22Fla.L. Weekly S217 (Fla.S.Ct. April 24, 1997). The committee passed a resolution recommending the legislature amend Chapter 916.106 (2), Florida Statutes, to read in pertinent part:

“Court means a circuit court or the county court.”



No sub committee report was received regarding the issue of serious juvenile traffic offenders as the subcommittee chair was not present for the meeting.

The current DUI impoundment statute was discussed. Judges continue to have difficulty due to glitches and procedural defects with the statute. A subcommittee to be chaired by the Judge Leonard Feiner was created to propose procedural amendments to the impoundment statute.

It appears that a movement may be afoot in the legislature to transfer jurisdiction of third degree felonies to the county courts. For various reasons cited the committee was almost unanimously against transfer of said cases to the county court.

Temporary Judicial Assignments

by Judge Aymer L. “Buck” Curtin

At the Fall Executive Board Meeting, there was discussion about what changes the Constitutional Revision Commission might propose which would impact the judiciary. One such change, dealing with judicial assignments, would remove the word “temporary” from Article V, Section 2(b) of the Florida Constitution.

During discussion on the proposed change, it was pointed out that county court judges provided 21,000 hours of reported support as

acting circuit judges last year. In other words, county court judges were able to provide assistance which would have otherwise necessitated an additional ten circuit judges. What we do not know is how many additional hours of assistance were provided but were never reported. During the Board’s discussion, it became obvious that many county court judges are not reporting their circuit assistance or requesting additional compensation.

This results in a lack of accurate information showing how much support county judges are providing, and such lack of information can have a negative impact on the judiciary as a whole and on the judges individually.

The Chief Justice cannot adequately address the needs of the court without accurate statistics on how much assistance is being provided by temporary

assignment.

Senior judge days provided to each circuit are based in part on the efficient use of judicial resources. If a circuit is not showing that additional circuit court coverage is necessary as reflected by county judges, then additional senior judge days might not be provided.

It is very important that the reports be accurate so that those who rely upon such information, such as the legislature, can carry out their responsibilities.

Pay differential is another reason for reporting the amount of time spent as an acting circuit judge. The differential is approximately \$6.00 per hour, which is a significant amount. The many hours spent by county court judges throughout

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the state show that our chief judges have the confidence to call upon us to handle the serious and complex issues of the circuit court.

It is the request of the conference’s leadership that all county court judges report all time spent performing the duties of acting circuit judges. Even if compensation is not sought, please report the time spent. Without accurate information, the county court judges of Florida will not be able to fully show the contribution being made to promote the prompt dispatch of business in the courts of this state. See R. Jud. Adm. 2.030(a)(3) A.



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Civil Rules Committee Report

by Ronn Legendre, Chair

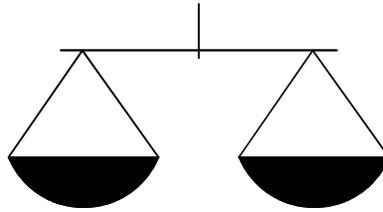
The meeting was called to order by chairperson Legendre at 9:00 a.m. Judge Jerry Pollock was once again selected to draw up the minutes.

SCOTT v GOLDY, 22 Fla. L.

Weekly d1872, was discussed. The 5th DCA held that the interest rate on final judgments are to be adjusted annually. There is a U.S. Sp Ct case that holds the opposite in construing a similar federal statute, but we are bound by the Florida case.

Karl Grube reported about The Florida Bar Civil rules of Procedure committee as follows:

- a. A rule was proposed to put the "FACT INFORMATION SHEET" (similar to Fla. Sm. Cl. R. Form 7.343) into the RCP.
- b. Since case law requires the basis for attorney's fees to be pled with specificity, the forms in the RCP may be amended to advise attorneys of this requirement.



- c. The committee is working on uniform guidelines for taxation of costs. The current guidelines were adopted by the Conference of Circuit Judges but not by the Fla. Sp. Ct.
- d. The committee discussed a proposal to adopt a new system of citations (other than So.2d or other West Publishing designation) for use on the Internet. That committee opposes any change.

There was discussion about the need for a rule in eviction cases that the clerk be required to deliver the writ of possession to the sheriff.



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Conference Committee Report

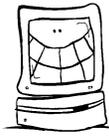
by Judge R. Earl Collins, Chair

The Conference Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at the Ocala/Silver Springs Hilton, Ocala, and was well attended. The following recommendations were made to the Executive Board:

1. 1998 Winter Conference - Radisson Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida - January 21-24 - (Previously Scheduled)
2. 1998 Spring Workshop - Doubletree Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida - March 18-20 - Legislative Reception - Old Capitol - on March 18th (Previously Scheduled)
3. 1998 Summer Conference - Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, Florida - July 29 - August 1 (Approved by Executive Board)
4. 1998 Fall Workshop - Brazilian Court - Palm Beach, Florida - October 21-23 (Approved by Executive Board)
5. 1999 Winter Conference - to be set at Winter Conference in Orlando.
6. 1999 Spring Workshop - Lamonica's staff to secure date in March, 1999 for Legislative Reception, after which the workshop and hotel will be scheduled.
7. 1999 Summer Conference - Registry Resort, Naples, Florida - July 14-17 (Approved by Executive Board)
8. Registration forms and checks for future Winter and Summer Conferences are to be mailed to the Treasurer of the Conference. Currently this position is held by Judge Lynn Feiner, Ft. Lauderdale. (Approved by Executive Board)



Technology Committee Report



by Judge Scott J. Silverman, Chair

The Technology Committee met on October 30, 1997. Present at the meeting were Judges Silverman, Kaylor, Bach, Grube, Allen, Arnold, Slaughter, and Evans. The Committee discussed numerous upcoming matters relating to technology and the courts.

The Committee is pleased to inform the Conference membership that the Florida Supreme Court is taking a proactive role in attempting to network all of the circuits and counties in the State of Florida. The Court is seeking a significant appropriation from the 1998 Legislature to achieve this goal. We are anxiously awaiting a positive legislative response to the court's initiative.

The Florida Supreme Court's Technology Commission recently requested

comments from the conference on whether to adopt a statewide uniform case numbering system. The system, if ordered by the Florida Supreme Court, will enhance the ability to track cases statewide and allow for more accurate statistics, including those necessary for the certification of new judges. The Conference Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposal in concept.

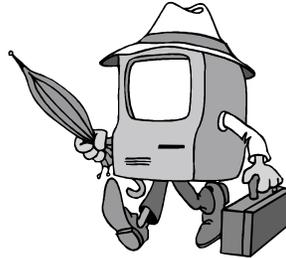
The Committee expects to post the Conference Directory on-line by January 1998. The Directory will include a photograph of each judge, as well as a brief biography. Should you want to submit anything additional for publication on the web, please contact Judge Kaylor.

By the end of November 1997, the Technology Committee expects to post approximately 250 judicial forms and orders. Recently, the Committee posted an excellent *Faretta Inquiry* submitted by Judge Mark King Leban. Should you desire to post any of your

own orders, articles, etc. on the web for use by your fellow judges or others, please submit them to Judges Silverman or Kaylor (preferably on disk and in notepad format).

At the fall 1997 meeting, the Education Committee approved a presentation by Cyber Law expert, Mark Grossman, for the summer 1998 meeting at Coral Reef. Mr. Grossman is a nationally recognized expert in cyber law. This is going to be an interesting presentation.

Lastly, the Technology Committee will again solicit vendor participation during the Summer Conference. The response to the vendors who appeared at the Summer Conference in Naples was so overwhelming that we will again have leaders in the field of computer/legal technology presenting their wares for our membership.



County Court Criminal Bench Book Nears Completion

by Beth Bloom

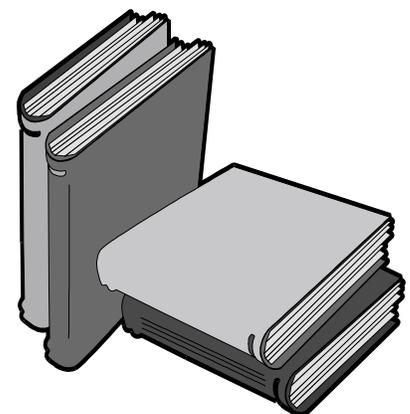
Last year, the Education Committee created a subcommittee charged with the responsibility of creating a criminal and civil bench book for each county judge's use throughout the State of Florida. The Committee, consisting of Judges Terry Lewis, Beth Bloom, Mercedes Bach, Joel Lazarus and Lisa Kahn have been researching, compiling, drafting, composing and editing all materials that will be part of the County Court Bench Book, Criminal Edition. The book will be divided into nine portions:

- *first appearance & bonds*
- *arraignments & pleas*
- *pre-trial motions*

- *conducting the trial*
- *evidence*
- *sentencing & probation*
- *post-trial motions*
- *contempt & sanctions; and*
- *disqualification & recusal.*

Each section will contain five easy-to-use sub-sections: *key points, checklists & forms, tips/caveats, authorities/bibliography and local rules & practices.* The book is expected to be completed and distributed by Summer 1998.

The next endeavor: creating a County Court Bench Book, Civil Edition. Judge Jerry Pollock has already



agreed to be part of the committee that will be undertaking this project.

If you are interested in submitting materials to be included in the Criminal Bench Book or if you would like to be part of the team that will be producing the Civil Bench Book, please contact Judge Beth Bloom at (305) 535-4240.



Professional Relations Committee Report

by Judge Ilona M. Holmes, Chair

The Professional Relations Committee met on October 30, 1997 with the following judges present: Ron Rothschild, Bill White, Mercedes Bach, Steve Rushing and Sandra Edwards-Stephens. (There was a brief visit from past president Bob Zack).

Judge Holmes expressed concern that not many of our members know that the Awards, Media and Professional Affairs committees have been "merged" to form this new and expanded committee. Judge Steve Rushing will head the media committee as a subchair of this committee. Judge Holmes will get the names of the judges appointed to this committee into the *Courier* for publication. Further, all newly appointed and elected judges are encouraged to join this committee.

The committee discussed presenting to the Board the proposal to change the name of our conference to the "Florida Conference of County Court Judges." Judge Holmes displayed a letter that had been forwarded to her by Judge Grimes, in which Justice Anstead, of the Florida Supreme Court, addressed us as such. A rule change should not be that difficult.

The committee also addressed presenting to the Board the motion for a gift for Justice Grimes who is forced to retire on November 6, 1997. Justice Grimes has been a great friend to our conference and we will miss his support.

The committee discussed the need to have all circuit representatives forward to Judge Smith, of the *Courier*, all news worthy happenings concerning judges in their circuits.

Anticipating the need to get our views aired during this time of constitutional revision, Judge Rushing will make available a list of all the media (radio, television, etc.,) in each county to advance our views as county court judges.

WHAT'S DOIN' IN DADE

by Beth Bloom, 11th Circuit Representative

There are now 42 County Court Judges serving in a county that the voters have now re-named "Miami-Dade County." As such, we will now be referred to as "Miami-Dade County Court Judges!"

In additional to all of our work on the bench, did you know....?

Amy Karan was named the 1997 Dade County "Up and Comer" in government. The award, given to people under the age of 40, is presented by Price Waterhouse, Holland & Knight and the South Florida Business Journal. Judge Karan was appointed Administrative Judge of the Domestic Violence Division in September.

Scott Silverman was named a Finalist of the "Up and Comer" Award in the area of government. Judge Silverman was also appointed Chair of the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board - a board that is charged with overseeing and verifying elections in Miami-Dade County.

Linda Dakis was the keynote speaker on the topic, "The Court's Response to Domestic Violence", at the Santa Clara Annual Conference on Domestic Violence held in San Jose, California. She serves on the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges' Family Violence Advisory Committee which is in the process of producing a publication highlighting national programs that assist battered mothers and their children. Judge Dakis authored, "Attacking the Crime of Domestic Violence", published in the ABA's *Family Law Advocate*.

Larry Schwartz and Lester

Langer were appointed by the Governor to the Circuit Court. Congratulations! Judge Schwartz is serving in the civil division and Judge Langer is in the juvenile division.

Linda Singer-Stein recently presented "Landlord/Tenant Issues - See it From a Judge's Perspective," at the Dade County Rental Property Seminar. Judge Stein also discussed landlord/tenant issues on the local t.v. program, **Law You Can Use**, with host Judge Lester Langer.

Kevin Emas was elected as a member of the Eugene P. Spellman American Inn of Court.

The American Inns of Court, modeled after their British counterparts, was developed to provide attorneys, judges and

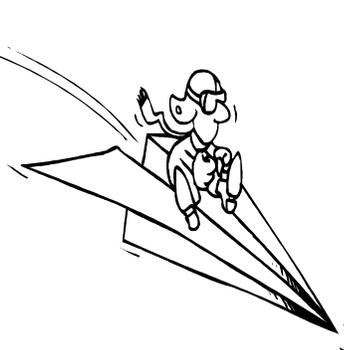
law students with an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas in an atmosphere of fellowship and goodwill. Judge Emas also spoke to the members of Congregation Bet Breira in Miami on the topic of domestic violence during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Judge Bonnie Rippingille recently organized the 4th Annual Coral Gables Senior Citizens Fair. Over 1,000 people attended the event, designed to provide information to seniors about services available in the community.

Judge Harvey Goldstein was the guest speaker at the First International Seminar on Civil Procedure. He spoke to an audience of 86 judges and lawyers from Argentina on our County Court civil system and Judge Goldstein's role as Administrative Judge.

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Judge Terri-Ann Miller gave birth to Rebecca Rose on August 1, weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Judge Marilyn



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Milian gave birth to Alexandra Patricia, weighing in a 7 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations!

Judge Reginald A. Richardson organized a forum on "How to Become a Judge," sponsored by the Cuban American Bar Association, the University of Miami and the Black Lawyers Association. Judge Richardson also coordinated a field trip for 30 magnet high school students, in which the students took a behind-the-scenes tour of the clerks office and judges chambers and were able to watch trials and speak to attorneys from the community. He also participated as a panelist at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Seminar on PIP Law and co-chaired a county-wide outreach program to screen for prostate cancer, sponsored by 100 Black Men of South Florida.

Interested in a three day Caribbean cruise? **Judge Andrew Hague** is planning the 2nd Annual Judges Cruise. It is tentatively set for Columbus Day weekend (October 9-12, 1998). For more information, please call (305) 252-5858.

And presenting.... our newest addition to the Miami-Dade County Court bench:

Lawrence D. King was appointed by the Governor in September to the County Court bench. The son of U.S. District Court Judge James Lawrence King, the new Judge King was an associate with Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder & Carson in Miami, practicing in the areas of civil litigation and insurance defense. Judge King was born and raised in Miami-Dade County, is a graduate of the University of Florida and received his law degree from Nova University. He is a member of the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity in the Profession.

Education Committee Report

by Judge Terry P. Lewis, Chair

Winter Conference Education Program:

The education agenda for the winter conference has been finalized as follows:

Wednesday - January 21st

- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Update on Changes in DWLSR Law - **Presenters: Judge Stephen Cohen**
- 1:45 - 5:00 p.m. Evidence (Impeachment/Relevancy, Physical Evidence Writings and Documents) **Presenters: Judges Phillip Padovano and Bob Gross**

Thursday - January 22nd

- 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Civil Law Update - **Presenters: Judges Margaret Waller, Stephan Carter and Terry Lewis**
- 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Jury Trial Innovations - **Presenters: Judges Nelson Bailey and Eddie Fine**
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch/Round Table Discussions (**Coordinated by Judges Judy Goldman and John Sloop**)
- 2:00 - 2:05 p.m. Break
- 2:05 - 3:45 p.m. Voir Dire - What Can You Do, What Should You Do? - **Presenters: Chuck Morton, Al Krieger and Judge Jeffrey Swartz**

Friday - January 23rd

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Hearing Impaired Persons and the Courts - **Presenter: Judge Phil Fougousse**
- 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Criminal Law Update and Review - **Presenter: Judge David Demers**

Education Work Book Revision/Needs and Assessment Survey: Judges Tom Bateman and John Sloop are coordinating a review and suggested revisions of the Education Committee workbook. Also, it has been four years since the last survey of the membership as to what they need and want in courses. Expect a comprehensive survey to be presented at the winter conference.

Bench Book: The criminal bench book is in the editing stage but will not be available for distribution until the summer 1998 conference.

Evaluations: As many of you know, the Education Committee has instituted a debriefing session after each day of educational programming in order to better evaluate the courses. This has been very valuable and will continue. If you are asked to participate (by completing a longer evaluation form for a particular course and giving your oral comments to members of the subcommittee), please help us out.

Summer Conference Education Program: The tentative education program for the summer conference 1998 is as follows:

Wednesday - July 29th

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ethics - This segment will focus on the judge's duty regarding discrimination based upon sexual orientation, although other types of discrimination will be reviewed. Once confirmed speaker is Dr. Nancy Polikoff. Other speakers are yet to be determined. Steering committee members (Beth Bloom, Ruth Becker, Shelley Kravitz, Mark King Leban and Stasia Warren)

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Thursday - July 30th



- 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Legislative update - Steering committee members (Peter Blanc, Tom Bateman, Jeff Swartz) (Plenary)
- 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Civil Law Review - Steering committee members (Ron Legendre, Karl Grube, Mercedes Bach, Pete Evans, Bill White) (Plenary)
- 11:00 - 12:00 noon Criminal Law Update - Steering committee members (Jeff Arnold, Margaret Waller, Mike Allen) (Plenary)
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 - Tracking *Track A:* Criminal Law Review, to include possibly probation, speedy trial issues, entitlement to jury trial, order of no imprisonment - Freeman and other difficult defendants Steering committee members (Jeff Arnold, Margaret Waller, Mike Allen)
- Track B:* Civil Law Review, to include possibly landlord/tenant, PIP, attorneys fees, offer of judgment, interest on judgments, default judgments, liquidated damages, replevin, environmental law, consumer law, cyber law. Steering committee members (Ron Legendre, Karl Grube, Mercedes Bach, Pete Evans, Bill White)
- Track C:* Case Management?

Friday - July 31st

- 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Criminal Law Review continued
Civil Law Review continued
- 10:00 - 12:00 noon Plenary Session - Professionalism - Steering committee member (Lisa Kahn)

Other Business: Scheduling conflict with Florida Bar Meeting/Reimbursement for Travel: It was announced at the meeting that, because of the scheduling conflict with the Florida Bar meetings, judges would be eligible for reimbursement for attendance at the winter conference educational program, even though they would not otherwise meet the criteria of full attendance, if it is the result of scheduling conflict with the Florida Bar meetings. Presumably, there will be a memo to that effect in the mail out to judges for the winter conference.

“Drop” Program and Other Retirement Questions: The conference has arranged to have representatives from the retirement division to explain this and other retirement options to judges. Time will be set aside prior to the beginning of the educational program on Thursday morning for a general information session and representatives will be available for individual consultation at their booth throughout the conference.

New Chair/Vice Chair: Terry Lewis has been appointed to the circuit bench, effective January. Sandra Edwards-Stephens will replace Terry as Chair and Jeff Colbath will replace Sandra as Vice Chair.



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