

Minutes
Conference Call, November 13, 2001, 7:30 a.m.
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on November 13, 2001. Chief Justice Larry Lehman, Justice William Hill, Justice Bart Voigt, Judge Ed Grant, Judge Jeff Donnell, Judge Keith Kautz, Judge Rob Denhardt, Judge Frank Zebre, and Judge Wade Waldrip attended. Holly Hansen, Joann Stockdale, and Ronda Munger also attended.

Report from Salary Committee. Chief Justice Lehman reported that the Salary Committee was not able to reach a consensus, so the Board would take up the details of a Judicial salary increase. After several options were discussed, the Board unanimously voted to retract the percentage increase for the circuit court, and to proffer a bill that would increase the supreme court salary to \$120,000, without any other changes to the statute. Chief Justice Lehman informed the Board that Larry Wolfe would like to withdraw as the lead lobbyist for the salary increase. Several other lobbyist combinations were discussed. Chief Justice Lehman and Judge Grant agreed to contact other possible lobbyists.

Audit Issues. Joann Stockdale reported to the Board that the circuit court clerks had voted to have the supreme court handle the processing of vouchers on the Wolfe's system. Holly Hansen explained that this will reduce the number of computers at the circuit court and supreme court level able to access Wolfe's to three, and that she will be speaking with the Board in December regarding the district courts sharing the cost of the new software required to access the State's mainframe computer, since they will have the largest number of computers using the software.

Restitution Policy. The Board discussed the restitution policy as it had been drafted. The Chief Justice will amend the policy to read that it is a minimum policy, so that if the clerks want to distribute the money more frequently, they have the ability to do so.

Board Adjourned 8:30 a.m.