

## **LAWYERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES - JUNE 9, 2015**

The Lawyers' Advisory Committee met at the Hilton East Brunswick. The meeting was opened by Chair Thomas R. Curtin at 6:30 p.m. and thereafter the following occurred:

1. Thomas Curtin welcomed all members and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the LAC Committee. Curtin welcomed Sharon King as a new member of the LAC.
2. The minutes of January 21, 2015 were approved without changes.
3. Thomas Curtin and Chief Judge Simandle discussed the role of the LAC. The Lawyers' Advisory Committee is established by statute and, as its name implies, is advisory only. There is currently no formal written policy on sharing the committee's deliberations and materials with the public. Thomas Curtin solicited comments regarding whether there is a need for a written policy and whether LAC matters should remain confidential until the LAC approves the sharing of information.
4. Chief Judge Simandle also thanked the members for their continued good work and efforts on behalf of the LAC Committee. Chief reported that the Court currently has four judicial vacancies left by Judges Martini, Pisano, Hochberg and Chesler. As a result of these vacancies, Judges in Newark and Trenton have seen their workload increase significantly.
5. Dennis Gleason provided a detailed supplemental report on behalf of the subcommittee reviewing L. Civ. R. 5.3 and recommending amendments to the rule. One proposed amendment would allow parties to file joint motions to seal and judicial officers present commented that they implement this procedure in complex cases. After a lengthy discussion, Thomas Curtin requested that any additional comments be submitted to Dennis and after receiving them, Dennis will circulate a new draft of the proposed amendments to the committee.
6. On behalf of the Clerk's Office, Jack O'Brien asked Curtin to form a subcommittee to review the Court's procedures for "Writs of Execution," which are issued by the Clerk's Office to the U.S. Marshal's Service. Thomas Curtin selected a subcommittee consisting of Shoshana Shiff (Chair), Dennis Gleason and Jack O'Brien.
7. Magistrate Judge Doug Arpert reported that the Court's Historical Society celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the criminal trial of United States v. Addonizio. The case was tried before the Hon. George H. Barlow at the Trenton courthouse during the summer of 1970. During the event, which was held in the grand hall of the courthouse, trial sketches were displayed and remarks were made by two members of the trial team, retired Chief Judge Garrett Brown and retired Judge Herbert Stern. The other two

trial team members, retired Chief Judge John W. Bissell and retired Judge Frederick Lacey (then U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey), were unable to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Thomas Curtin will notify the members of the date of the next LAC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Brien