

## **LAWYERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MARCH 30, 2016**

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

1. Thomas Curtin began by inviting Judge Thompson to speak regarding the Memorial Service for fellow LAC member Robert DeTufo. Judge Thompson described the great admiration and respect towards Mr. DeTufo expressed by all those who spoke at the service.
2. Thomas Curtin recognized and welcomed Acting Attorney General Robert Loughy and Carol Gillen.
3. The Chair invited a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Meeting. The motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved.
4. In his report to the LAC, Chief Judge Simandle observed that the District has experienced one of the saddest periods with the recent passing of Judges Debevoise and Irenas.

Chief Judge Simandle spoke about the continued success and enlargement of the re-entry court program based on the work of Judge Arleo and Probation Office.

The District Court's most recent appointment Judge Vazquez, who already is hearing his assigned cases, will have a ceremonial swearing in on May 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Newark Courthouse.

Chief Judge Simandle reported on actions taken by the Board of Judges with regard to Local Civil Rules to conform with recent changes in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

In addition, the Board of Judges reviewed the recommendations of the LAC to L. Civ. R. 5.3 on sealing. After initial consideration, further review was undertaken by a committee of the Board. Thereafter the full Board, with some minor amendments, approved the recommendations of the LAC. Chief Judge Simandle noted that the work of the LAC was well received.

The proposed rule changes will be published for a 45-day public comment period. Following the comment period, the comments will be considered and the final version of the rule changes will become effective.

Chief Judge Simandle next discussed the Court's efforts to enhance the criminal defense panel by including a training program for state court practitioners who may not have experience in federal court practices and procedures.

The Chief Judge noted that three vacancies of District Court Judges remain, with two nominees having passed the Senate Committee review process.

5. Thomas Curtin noted that at the upcoming Brennan Awards Dinner, both Chief Judge Simandle and Chief Judge Rabner will be honored for their service.
6. Jeffrey Greenbaum reported on the subcommittee to amend the Local Civil Rule on the withdrawal of pro hac vice counsel. A motion to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee was made and seconded. The motion was approved.
7. Magistrate Judge Leda Wettre proposed the appointment of a subcommittee to review L. Civ. R. 7.1(f) to include as part of the motion to amend a redline version of the changes to assist the Court.

A subcommittee of Judge Wettre, Judge John Bissell and Peter Perlman was appointed to consider the matter and report back to the LAC.

8. Shoshana Schiff reported on the subcommittee addressing consistency of the District Court procedures for a writ of execution with those employed by the New Jersey state court. The committee after discussions with the U.S. Marshal's Office has proposed procedures to the Clerk's Office that will effectively mirror the state court. No changes to Local Rules are required.
9. Judge Bissell recognized Chief Judge Simandle for his reflections on the life and service of Judge Irenas at his Memorial Service.
10. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

John Reilly