

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)
April 25, 2008

Commission Members

Present

Mr. Felix Briones, Jr.
Ms. Barbara Castillo-Velarde
Mr. Avilio Chavez
Ms. Phyllis Dominguez
Justice Gene E. Franchini
Mr. Joe Gant
Ms. Lori Hartley
Mr. Eluid Martinez
Ms. Josephine Mitchell
Ms. D. Joy Fresquez Mynatt
Mr. Regis Pecos
Ms. Leonila Duran Serna

Absent

Ms. Richard Alvidrez
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez
Ms. Ruth Schifani

Agenda

- The Agenda was approved by the JPEC, with a few additions.

Minutes of March 28, 2008

- JPEC approved the minutes of March 28, 2008.

Announcements

- Felix reported that he held a telephone conference with Josephine Mitchell and Brian Sanderoff to discuss a list of possible systemic issues for the Judicial Conclave presentation. Louise provided a copy of the draft list prepared by Brian Sanderoff to the members for review. Felix asked members to provide comments to Louise.
- Ruth Schifani is scheduled to appear before the State Bar Leadership Training on the work of the JPEC. The presentation is scheduled for June 6, 2008.
- Felix reported that Joy Mynatt has submitted her resignation. This is her last meeting. Joy has been a valuable member to the JPEC and will be missed. Joy reported that the work of the JPEC is valuable to the judges. She is available to speak before civic and professional organizations in Las Cruces.

2008 District Court Judges' Final Evaluations

- The draft narratives for the judges in the 1st, 4th, and 8th Districts are due to Louise on or before 5/14/08. Felix urged members to submit their draft narratives within this time frame. This helps staff prepare for the upcoming meetings in a timely fashion.

- JPEC took action on the biographical and/or evaluation changes suggested by Judges Clay Campbell, Neil Candelaria, John F. Davis, George Eichwald, and Louis McDonald.
- The JPEC reviewed and discussed edits to the narratives and/or recommendations for the following judges:
 - √ √ 2nd District - Judges Monica Zamora, Carl J. Butkus, Valerie Mackie Huling, Kenneth Martinez, Albert (Pat) Murdoch, Nan Nash, Geraldine Rivera, Ernesto Romero, John Romero, Ross Sanchez, Denise Barela Shepherd, Linda Vanzi, Deborah Davis Walker, William Lang, Stan Whitaker, and Richard Knowles.
- The JPEC conducted interviews in Santa Fe with Judges Tim Garcia, James Hall, Raymond Ortiz, Stephen Pfeffer, Daniel Sanchez, Barbara Vigil, Michael Vigil, Eugenio Mathis, Abigail Aragon, Sam Sanchez, and John Paternoster.

Next Scheduled Meeting

We have scheduled the next meeting for May 30, 2008, Judicial Information Division, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 5, Santa Fe.

Minutes prepared by:

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