DISTRICT JUDGES' CONFERENCE September 11, 2007 Jackson, Wyoming Minutes

A meeting of the District Judges' Conference was held on September 11, 2007, in Jackson and was attended by the following judges: First Judicial District: Judge Peter Arnold, Judge Nicholas Kalokathis and Judge Edward Grant; Second Judicial District: Judge Jeffrey Donnell and Judge Wade Waldrip; Third Judicial District: Judge Nena R. James, Judge Jere Ryckman and Judge Dennis Sanderson; Fourth Judicial District: Judge John Fenn; Fifth Judicial District: Judge Gary Hartman and Judge Steve Cranfill; Sixth Judicial District: Judge Dan Price and Judge John Perry; Seventh Judicial District: Judge David Park; Eighth Judicial District: Judge Keith Kautz and Judge John Brooks; Ninth Judicial District: Judge Nancy Guthrie and Judge Norman Young.

Judge Perry chaired the meeting which began at 9:30 a.m. on September 11, 2007. The following occurred:

- 1. Addicted Offender Accountability Act (AOAA). Ms. Donna Sheen spoke to the conference regarding the Addicted Offender Accountability Act (AOAA). She distributed materials to the members of the conference. Ms. Sheen discussed the act and the assessments that were done. Specifically, she discussed re-evaluations of addicted offenders and stated that such evaluations would be done if Court ordered and that her office would do the re-evaluations if needed for an offender to get in to treatment. There followed a discussion regarding issues and problems with the AOAA
- 2. Retirement Legislation Update and Discussion. Judge Price and Judge Kautz lead a discussion regarding the retirement system, its current problems and the new proposals. Judge Kautz indicated that the only issue between the current proposals is whether to start actuarially reducing retirement beginning at age 60 or 65. Judge Kautz recommended a 60 year old time frame so as to encourage younger members of the bar to become judges. Judge Steven Cranfill discussed salary issues and stated that we would be asking for a pay raise similar to other government employees. There followed a discussion about the best options for implementing and passing retirement and salary legislation. There was further discussion about the need for a lobbyist.
- 3. <u>Election of Officers</u>. Judge Sanderson, Judge Brooks and Judge James were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year respectively.
- 4. <u>General Discussion</u>. There followed a general discussion regarding problems cases, legal issues, and technical support issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

John C. Brooks Secretary/Treasurer