

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC14-35

IN RE: FLORIDA COURT EDUCATION COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Florida Court Education Council was established in 1978 and charged with providing oversight of the development and maintenance of a comprehensive educational program for Florida judges and certain court support personnel. The Council's responsibilities include making budgetary, programmatic, and policy recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding continuing education for Florida judges and certain court professionals.

Court committees are a vital component in the governance of the judicial branch. Committees established by the Supreme Court assist in the development of policies and operating procedures that enhance the administration of justice. The Council must, however, be cognizant of the limitations on the resources available to support its efforts as it develops a work plan that will accomplish the important tasks assigned in this administrative order. Accordingly, the Chair should use discretion in the establishment of subcommittees that require operating funds and staff support. With regard to meetings, the Council should strive to

utilize the most economical means appropriate to the type of work being accomplished.

Throughout the years, the Council has undergone various changes in membership. Most recently, the Florida Court Education Council made the following recommendations which were approved in 2008: (1) add, as a new position, the Education Chair of the Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges; (2) add, as a new position, one additional at-large member from the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida; (3) clarify that the position previously designated, “Chief Judge Representing Other Court Personnel” should always be the Chair of the Florida Court Personnel Committee; (4) add, as a new position, an at-large member for Florida Court Personnel; and (6) add, as two new positions, the Co-Chairs of the Universal Planning Committee. Additionally, the Council recommended that all at-large members serve a four-year term and that the circuit and county at-large members have staggered terms so that every two years one at-large member from each of those conferences rotates off the Council. Those recommendations will be followed here.

Any member of the Council who has not yet attended the Faculty Training Specialty Course must do so within one year of his or her appointment. The Council shall now consist of the following members who also reflect recent and upcoming changes in conference officers and education committee membership:

Supreme Court

Chief Justice or a justice designated by the Chief Justice:

The Honorable Jorge Labarga

Appellate Courts

Conference Education Committee Co-Chair:

The Honorable Spencer Levine, to serve during his tenure as
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large member:

The Honorable Craig Villanti, to serve for a term that expires
June 30, 2016

Circuit Courts

Conference Chair:

The Honorable Jeffrey Colbath, to succeed The Honorable Olin
Shinholser

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable Fred Lauten to serve during his tenure as
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large members:

The Honorable Ilona Holmes, to serve for a term that expires
June 30, 2016

The Honorable Kimberly Bonner, to serve for a term that expires
June 30, 2018

County Courts

Conference President:

The Honorable Robert Hilliard, to succeed The Honorable James McCune

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable David Denkin, to serve during his tenure as Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large members:

The Honorable Josephine Gagliardi, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2016

The Honorable Spencer Multack, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2018

Deans and Associate Deans

Dean of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies:

The Honorable Terry Lewis

Dean of the Florida Judicial College:

The Honorable Mark Shames

Associate Dean of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies:

The Honorable Rex Barbas

Associate Dean of the Florida Judicial College:

The Honorable David Denkin

Trial Court Administrators

Trial Court Administrator:

Ms. Gay Inskeep, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2016

Florida Court Personnel

Chair of the Other Court Personnel Committee:

The Honorable Angela Cowden

At-large member:

Magistrate Susan Keith, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2016

Universal Planning Committee

The Co-Chairs of the Universal Planning Committee:

The Honorable Scott Brownell

The Honorable Terry Lewis

During the next two years, the Council shall perform the following tasks:

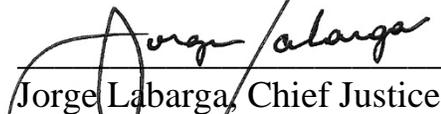
1. Administer the Court Education Trust Fund to provide education and training for judges and Florida court personnel as defined and determined by the Council.
2. Through the Publications Committee, develop publications to enhance the competence of the judiciary and court support personnel.

3. Continue to develop distance learning events and methodologies in order to support the education and training of Florida court personnel and to supplement live, in-person training in the judicial branch.
4. Support the Office of Court Education within the Office of the State Courts Administrator in its efforts to retain and develop staff in an effort to support the continuity of service needed to enhance judicial branch education.

The Florida Court Education Council should submit its reports to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator.

The Honorable Jorge Labarga shall continue to serve as Chair of the Council and The Honorable Mark Shames shall serve as Vice Chair of the Council through June 30, 2016. Both the Chair and the Vice Chair will serve as voting members. Staff support and expenses for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 1, 2014.



Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

