

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC16-42

IN RE: FLORIDA COURT EDUCATION COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Florida Court Education Council is 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.

In carrying out that purpose, the Council shall perform its responsibilities consistent with The Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch 2016-2021, including but not limited to: Goal 5.1 (Promote public trust and confidence by maintaining high standards of professionalism and ethical behavior); Goal 5.2 (Attract, hire, and retain a qualified, ethical, and diverse workforce); Goal 5.3 (Provide timely education and training to judges and court employees to ensure high-level performance); Goal 5.4 (Expand the education of judges and court employees to recognize and understand various perspectives of court users on

relevant and emerging topics); Goal 5.5 (Develop technology-based approaches to complement existing education programs for judges and court employees); and Goal 5.6 (Ensure judges and court employees have the technological skills necessary to perform more efficiently).

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 (5) 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 Stephanie Ray, to serve during her tenure as
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large member:

The Honorable Robert Gross, to serve for a term that expires
June 30, 2018

Circuit Courts

Conference Chair:

The Honorable Scott M. Bernstein, to succeed The Honorable Jeffrey
Colbath

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable Frederick J. Lauten to serve during his tenure as
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large members:

The Honorable Angela Cox, to serve for a term that expires
June 30, 2020

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

County Courts

Conference President:

The Honorable Joseph M. Williams, to succeed The Honorable
Augustus D. Aikens, Jr.

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable Robert W. Lee, to serve during his tenure as
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large members:

The Honorable Michelle Alvarez Barakat, to serve for a term that
expires June 30, 2020

The Honorable Spencer J. 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 P. Lewis

Dean of the Florida Judicial College:

The Honorable David Denkin

Associate Dean of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies:

The Honorable Rex Barbas

Associate Dean of the Florida Judicial College:

The Honorable Meenu Sasser

Trial Court Administrators

Trial Court Administrator:

Ms. Gay Inskeep, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2018

Florida Court Personnel

Chair of the Florida Court Personnel Committee:

The Honorable Angela Cowden

At-large member:

Magistrate Susan Keith, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2018

Universal Planning Committee

The Co-Chairs of the Universal Planning Committee:

The Honorable Scott M. Brownell

The Honorable Terry P. Lewis

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

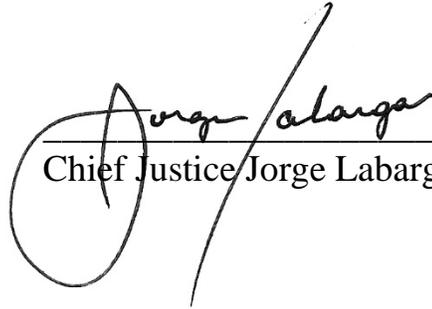
1. Administer the Court Education Trust Fund to provide education and training for judges and Florida court personnel as defined and determined by the Council. The Council is further directed to identify options for cost containment and sustainability of the Court Education Trust Fund.

2. Through the Publications Committee, develop online publications and other technology-based educational resources to enhance the competence of the judiciary and court personnel.
3. Continue to develop distance learning events and technology-based approaches in order to support the education and training of Florida judges and court personnel and to complement in-person training in the judicial branch.
4. Identify various perspectives of court users on relevant topics and incorporate those perspectives into courses as appropriate.
5. Ensure that all conference programs and the College of Advanced Judicial Studies offer at least two (2) hours of ethics at each event.
6. Begin a long-range strategic planning process for the Council to consider the overall delivery system; the educational needs of judges and court staff; and the mission, vision, and goals for judicial branch education in order to determine where judicial branch education should be in the next five to six years.

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 will serve as a voting member. 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 June 30, 2016.



Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

