

## LAWYERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Lawyers' Advisory Committee met at the Hilton East Brunswick. The meeting was convened by Chair Thomas R. Curtin at 6:20 p.m. and the following occurred:

1. Thomas Curtin began by recognizing and welcoming John Hoffman, Chris Porrino and Michael Waters to the Committee. Thomas Curtin asked the committee members to introduce themselves.
2. The Chair invited a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2016 Meeting. The motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved.
3. In his report to the LAC, Chief Judge Simandle spoke about the "innovation" in the Federal Rules and indicated that it was a lively time with the adoption of changes to Local Civil Rules 9.1, 41.1 and the Patent Rules (9.3). Following the comment period on the Patent Rules, the comments will be considered and the final version of the rule changes will become effective.

Chief Judge Simandle reported that the District Court will be hosting a session on patents for the District Judges, Magistrate Judges and law clerks in November.

Chief Judge Simandle also reported on the establishment of a new Criminal Justice Act Training Panel. It will consist of approximately eight attorneys who have little experience in the federal system and who will be trained by assisting the attorneys assigned in the case.

4. Thomas Curtin reported the passing of Judge Leonard Garth of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The Committee observed a moment of silence in his honor.
5. Peter Pearlman reported on the subcommittee to amend the Local Civil Rules 7.1(f) and 15.1. The proposed changes were discussed. A motion to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee was made and seconded. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Chief Judge Simandle.
6. Chief Judge Simandle reported on the upcoming events:
  - a. The Third Circuit Judicial Conference will be held April 19 - 21, 2017 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Members of the Bar are invited to attend.
  - b. The Gerry Award presentation will be held on October 13, 2016. Carl Poplar will be receiving the award this year.

- c. A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage will be held on October 6, 2016 in the Trenton Courthouse.
  - d. The third Chairman's Ball for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey Historical Society will be held on October 14, 2016 at the Newark Museum.
  - e. The U.S. District Court Holiday Celebration will be held on December 15, 2016 at Jasna Polana. Everyone on the Lawyers' Advisory Committee is invited. This is to show the Court's appreciation of the work various committees do for the Court throughout the year.
7. Chief Judge Simandle reported that Brian Martinotti recently filled one of the judicial vacancies in the district. Two openings still remain unfilled. Chief Judge Simandle also reported that the Judicial Conference of the United States approved five new district judges in New Jersey.
  8. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Reilly