



State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs Attorney General Josh Kaul and
Department of Corrections Secretary Jared Hoy

Friday, September 27, 2024, 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Attorney General Josh Kaul, State Public Defender Jennifer Bias, Police Chief James Olson, Jennifer Wakerhauser (DWD Designee), Jane Graham Jennings, Holly Audley (DHS Designee), Judge Elliott Levine, Patti Jo Severson, Shelby McCulley (DCF Designee), Director of State Courts Audrey Skwierawski, Mark Abeles-Allison, DOC Secretary Jared Hoy, District Attorney John Chisholm, Mark Gumz
Members Not Present:	Judge Jo Deen Lowe, Judge Guy Dutcher, WHEDA Executive Director Elmer Moore, Jr., Sheriff Curtis Fell, Tiana Glenna, Awais Khaleel
Subcommittee Co-Chairs Present:	NA
DOJ Staff:	Ashley Viste, Lara Kenny, Ryan Anderson, Mike Austin, Sabrina Gentile, Phil Zell, Katie Snell, Caleb Coughtry-Carpenter
Agency Partners and Other Attendees:	Adam Plotkin (SPD), Dean Dietrich (Past President State Bar of Wisconsin), Lisa Roys (State Bar of Wisconsin representative)

The meeting was called to order by Attorney General Josh Kaul at 12:32 p.m. Quorum was present.

WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS

Attorney General Josh Kaul welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).

STATE BAR OF WI PETITION TO SUPREME COURT RULE 24-04

DEAN DIETRICH, STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN PAST PRESIDENT

Dean Dietrich, State Bar of Wisconsin Past President, presented on the State Bar of Wisconsin petition to Supreme Court Rule 24-04 Amendment of Chp. 31 re CLE credit for cultural competency and reduction of bias.

The petition would create a new continuing legal education (CLE) credit type, the Cultural Competency and Reduction of Bias credit. The Court created a 30-credit hour requirement which included a mandatory three credits of ethics and professional responsibility per reporting window. The Court most recently added the capped credit types of Law Practice Management ("LPM") and

Lawyer Awareness and Understanding ("LAU"). The State Bar believes the Court should do so again and create a category that clarifies and recognizes training for cultural competency and reduction of bias topics.

The State Bar has filed this petition because society, communities and demographics in Wisconsin are significantly changing. Wisconsin's legal professionals must be prepared to competently assist clients with what they bring to the table, including individual traits such as their race, gender, religion, cultural background, income, or disability among other attributes and to consider how biases impact the legal system.

Attorney Dietrich emphasized two points.

1. These are voluntary credits.
2. The reason for creating a specific definition with a designated credit category clarifies for attorneys the content that they can expect to learn and clarifies for providers that these courses will be approved for continuing education credit. In the past, when classes are offered, lawyers have been faced with confusion on what those classes qualify for.

Attorney Dietrich gave an example of practicing law in Wausau and the need to learn more about his Hmong clients cultural background in order to represent them.

AG Josh Kaul thanked Attorney Dietrich for the presentation and invited the CJCC to ask questions. There were no questions for Attorney Dietrich.

AG Kaul opened the meeting for discussion and reported he would offer a motion to support the petition. AG Kaul added the CJCC Race Equity, Inclusion and Access (REIA) Subcommittee is interested in supporting the petition and would like to approve their support at the REIA Subcommittee meeting on October 2, 2024. AG Kaul stated the CJCC represents the CJCC and its subcommittees and any statement would include them.

DOC Secretary Jared Hoy agreed with AG Kaul that the CJCC includes oversight of all the subcommittees.

Chief James Olson asked if there would be a conflict of the CJCC supporting the petition and the REIA Subcommittee opposing the petition.

Judge Elliott Levine reported he is also a member of the REIA Subcommittee and that they are supportive of the petition. Mike Austin, DOJ REIA Staff person, agreed with Judge Levine's assessment of the support of the REIA Subcommittee for the petition.

State Public Defender Jennifer Bias commented that she supports the petition and appreciates the CLE credits would be voluntary.

Motion was made by AG Josh Kaul and seconded by Judge Elliott Levine to authorize CJCC Co-Chairs to communicate on behalf of the CJCC support for the State Bar of Wisconsin's petition to recognize continuing legal education (CLE) credit education courses regarding cultural competency and the reduction of bias to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, consistent with discussion at today's meeting.

The motion was approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Director of State Courts Audrey Skwierawski)

AG Kaul thanked members for their participation today especially on short notice to schedule an additional meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were invited to address the Council. There was no public comment.

Attorney General Kaul requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chief James Olson seconded by DOC Secretary Hoy to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved.

The vote was 14 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.