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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members, today you have a opportunity to question these re-appointments to the Commissioners of the ACJC, have you reviewed their last meeting & the public comments of concerned citizens ? You should so you have a clear picture of how they conduct the "peoples business" of reviewing complaints by citizens like our selves. Here is the link to there meetings page "<https://acjc.alaska.gov/meeting.html>" there you will not will find their last meeting's minutes but will have to ask the ACJC Administration for them. Please do your proper due diligence while you have that opportunity in the best interest of Alaskans.
Thank you, Kathleen & Ed Martin

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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 09:36:22 AM AKST
Subject: Re: Letter to ACJC regarding meeting on 11-14-25

Betty Jo, Thomas, I can fully sympathize with you, the blatant disregard to the AOMA at several meetings of this Commission & the last meetings attempt to further limit public testimony by newly appointed Commissioner Mr. Satterberg shows the **elite personal status of these individuals driven by the Director Marla Greenstein!**

I was totally ignored at past meetings when in fact pre-noticed by Marla's admin week's before to speak & furthermore being invited by Mr. McClintock to address to the full body due to his own dismissal of Scott Eggers & my complaint! It's a total contradiction that now you can't address your complaint by zoom or in person on such profound issues.

He later wrote me to apologize which I believe was fully to **cover his butt** when acting as vice Chair. One more thing, that meeting the Chair Judge Amy Mead was on Zoom herself & complained she could not hear or distinguish who was speaking!

If the AJC can have their meetings openly with in person open seating for the public participation, then they can. **Their failures to even conduct their meetings lawfully, is a sham.** For all other's that get the response email, you now have knowledge and have sworn an **Oath**, and if you fail to acknowledge this email. I then, in my opinion, I believe you have consented to the **Commissions Actions to date.** My statements in this email are truthful, if anyone would like to test my truth, my phone number is 907-252-7857. Our Constitution shall be defended by **We the People** one way or another!

Ed Martin Jr

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 06:25:54 AM AKST, Betty Jo Moore <bettyjo.moore@icloud.com> wrote:

Thomas,

Thank you for writing this letter. The whole ACJC, judicial system has and is compromised, and the ACJC can no longer function with full integrity. I've heard it say that we need to wait till a real republican governor is elected. No, we can't wait. Truth is, the way it's looking Alaska could easily end up with a governor that is not a republican.

At this point, it's all on AG Cox to stand on his words, he took an OATH and he is duty bound to defend the constitutions and uphold the laws in all matters. He can advise Governor Dunleavy of the faithful execution of the laws but if Governor Dunleavy doesn't want to take AG Cox advice, then AG Cox must do the right thing (protect his attorney license) and stand on his duty to defend and protect his client, the State and his first allegiance is to the public interest which is inclusive of our safety and protections of our constitutions and constitutional rights...due process, fair trial, equal protection of the laws, etc.

"This is deeply concerning," Cox posted to his X account on Nov. 9. "Public officers have to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution. I took such an oath on my first day.

AG Cox references in his statement on X about public officers. AS 39.52.960 (14) (14) "official action" means advice, participation, or assistance, including, for example, a recommendation, decision, approval, disapproval, vote, or other similar action, including inaction, by a public officer; Also see letter from DOL to Mr. Martin dated June 2024 about the State being responsible for inaction by a public officer.

How much money has been spent on the WilmerHale contract regarding the APFC? The contract stated out at \$50,000 and then amendments were made to the contract and the fees to WilherHale increased to I believe \$450,000 or more. Did the Legislature approve this spending? The investigation into judicial corruption, violations of the constitution(s), laws, canons, etc is going to require thousands of dollars.

Reporting From Alaska- Permanent
Fund study contract balloons from
\$50K to \$450K
dermotcole.com

Maybe candidate for governor Adam Crum can answer questions. 🙄

AS 44.23.020 means nothing if the AG doesn't do his job according to his OATH and the statutes.

(h) The attorney general shall continue to review federal statutes, regulations, presidential executive orders and actions, and secretarial orders and actions that may be in conflict with and that may preempt state law. If, after review, the attorney general believes that a federal statute, regulation, presidential executive order or action, or secretarial order or action would preempt a state law if constitutional and properly adopted in accordance with federal statutory authority but also believes that the federal statute, regulation, presidential executive order or action, or secretarial order **or action is unconstitutional or was not properly adopted** in accordance with federal statutory authority, **the attorney general shall report the findings to the chairs of the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over judicial matters.** The report shall be submitted to the legislature on or before January 15th of each year and must include

(1) a copy of the federal statute, regulation, presidential executive order or action, or secretarial order or action that the attorney general finds was not properly adopted in accordance with federal statutory authority or is unconstitutional;

On Nov 11, 2025, at 10:54 AM, Thomas Garber <tgarber619@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi everyone

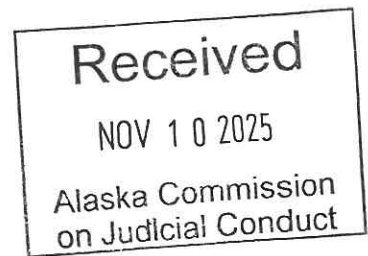
I wrote this attached letter to the ACJC members to argue why they should except my complaint. I hand delivered the letter yesterday afternoon.

The front desk receptionist explained that the ACJC would be taking up my complaint in private session. That I would not have the opportunity to address the committee. To ask questions or respond to questions. I will be notified within three to four days by mail after the meeting.

I don't see any reason to participate in the zoom meeting. I don't have time to waste on the meeting that I cannot participate in.

I pray that they forward my complaint.

Thanks for your support
Thomas G.



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November 10, 2025

Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

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Re: Request to Set Aside Recommended Dismissal and Open Jurisdictional Investigation ACJC – Garber v. Winfree, Morse, et al.

Hearing Date: Friday, November 14, 2025, Quarterly Meeting

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission,

I write as the complainant in the above-referenced matter to **respectfully request that the Commission set aside the recommended panel’s dismissal and open this complaint as a jurisdictional investigation under ACJC Rule 9(b)**. The evidence submitted—including direct admissions, court transcripts, and documentary proof of inter-branch coordination—raises a substantial question of judicial misconduct under Canons 1, 2A, and 3A (4) of the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct. **Dismissal at this stage would shield documented violations of separation of powers and the Alaska Constitution, undermining public confidence in the judiciary.**

The Paramount Issue: Institutional Constitutional Failure

Members of the Commission, I urge you to reject the recommendation for dismissal. This complaint does not allege simple ethical lapses, judicial errors, or misconduct in a case-specific context. It presents evidence of a **coordinated, systemic conspiracy** that resulted in the judicial branch taking actions that fundamentally violate

the Alaska Constitution's separation of powers and unlawfully suspend a guaranteed constitutional right.

This is, by definition, a **jurisdictional matter** concerning the limits of judicial authority and the constitutional legitimacy of a standing Supreme Court Order.

I. The Complaint Meets the ACJC Rule 9(b) Threshold for Jurisdictional Review

Under **ACJC Rule 9(b)**, the Commission must set aside a dismissal recommendation when the complaint “raises a substantial question as to the judge’s conduct.” This standard does **not** require proof of guilt—only **reasonable grounds** to believe misconduct *may* have occurred. The following **five categories of evidence**—all **undisputed and on the record**—clearly satisfy this threshold:

1. Chief Justice Daniel Winfree’s August 16, 2022, Coordination Letter (Exhibit 6)

“Thanks for briefly chatting with me this morning about establishing procedures for grand jury investigations... I appreciate your willingness to have your representatives meet with court system representatives to seek common ground...” — **Chief Justice Daniel Winfree to Attorney General Treg Taylor**

This letter is **smoking-gun evidence** of a sitting Supreme Court Justice initiating **secret inter-branch coordination** to restrict citizen access to grand juries under **Alaska Const. Art. I, § 8**. Such coordination violates:

- **Canon 1**: “A judge shall uphold the independence and integrity of the judiciary.”
- **Canon 2A**: “A judge shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.”
- **Separation of Powers (Alaska Const. Art. II, § 1)**: No branch may exercise powers belonging to another.

2. Judge William Morse’s On-the-Record Admission of Advance Knowledge (October 6, 2022, Hearing Transcript, 3AN-22-00001 GC)

“The Supreme Court is considering a rule... They’ve proposed a rule to some of the judges just looking for feedback, and it’s honestly extremely skeletal.” — **Judge William Morse, Superior Court**

Judge Morse then scheduled a “continued hearing” for **December 14, 2022**—the exact day **SCO 1993** took effect. This was **not impartial adjudication**; it was **orchestrated theater** to deny my constitutional petition while the predetermined rule was implemented. This violates:

- **Canon 3A (4)**: “A judge shall perform the duties of judicial office impartially...”
- **Canon 2A**: Creates the appearance of bias and predetermined outcome.

3. SCO 1993 Suspends a Constitutional Right That “Shall Never Be Suspended”

Alaska Const. Art. I, § 8 states:

“The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety **shall never be suspended.**”

SCO 1993 transfers judicial control over grand jury access to the **Attorney General**, the very official who represents agencies under investigation. This creates the “fox guarding the hen house” conflict that **Deputy AG Corey Mills admitted on February 12, 2025**:

“We did not want the authority... That is not okay... there’s a fox guarding the hen house problem.”

Judicial participation in creating and enforcing this system constitutes **ongoing misconduct**.

4. Attorney General Treg Taylor’s Public Admission of Unconstitutionality (June 5, 2025)

“I do believe that that right is currently constrained, unfortunately, and it’s not according to the constitution.” — **Attorney General Treg Taylor**

When Alaska’s **chief law enforcement officer** admits the rule **co-authored by Chief Justice Winfree** is unconstitutional—and it **remains in effect**—this Commission has a **non-delegable duty** to investigate the judicial role.

5. Pattern of Obstruction Spanning 2018–2024 (Four Documented Cases)

Grand Juror	Year Obstruction
Ray Southwell	2018 Documents confiscated; removal sought
Shane Serrano	2019 Told only DOL could present evidence
Thomas Garber (me)	2022 Petition denied under coordinated rule
Robert Wall	2024 Presentation blocked; jury dismissed

This **systematic pattern** enabled by judicial coordination demonstrates **not isolated error, but institutional misconduct.**

II. Dismissal Would Reward Concealment and Undermine ACJC Authority

- **Nancy Mead** admitted the rule was “expedited” and bypassed the **Criminal Rules Committee** and public comment.
- **No constitutional analysis** was conducted before suspending a 67-year practice.
- **DOL internally opposed** the gatekeeper role but **concealed** this from citizens and the public.

Dismissing this complaint would signal that Alaska judges may **conspire in secret** to suspend constitutional rights—so long as they avoid detection.

Core Jurisdictional Arguments

The complaint must proceed as a jurisdictional review because the actions of the judicial officers in question challenged the structural integrity of the Alaskan government.

A. The Unconstitutional Suspension of a Right (Article I, Section 8)

The ultimate effect of the judicial actions detailed in the complaint—the creation and enforcement of **Supreme Court Order 1993 (SCO 1993)**—is the **suspension** of the constitutional power of the grand jury to investigate public welfare.

- **Alaska Constitution, Article I, Section 8** states that the power of grand juries “shall never be suspended.” This is an absolute prohibition.
- **SCO 1993** creates an executive “gatekeeper” function, forcing citizens to petition the Attorney General (the Department of Law) to access the grand jury.
- The judiciary, through SCO 1993, has replaced an absolute, non-suspendable right with a conditional right subject to the political discretion of the executive branch.
- **Argument:** Any judicial action or order that results in the suspension of a non-suspendable constitutional right is an action taken **without constitutional authority** (*ultra vires*). This is a challenge to the Court's jurisdiction over the matter of grand jury independence itself.

B. The Fundamental Violation of Separation of Powers

The documents provided show a coordinated effort between the judicial and executive branches to establish SCO 1993, thereby violating the constitutional division of authority.

- **Alaska Constitution, Article II, Section 1** requires that “no person belonging to one department shall exercise powers properly belonging to another.”
- The **Winfrey-Taylor letter** (August 16, 2022) is documentary evidence of **secret coordination** between the Chief Justice and the Attorney General to design a new rule that subordinates a constitutionally independent body (the grand jury) to executive control.
- **Argument:** The creation of **SCO 1993** represents the judicial branch's **improper delegation** of a core judicial administrative function (grand jury oversight) to the executive branch. This constitutional abdication and transfer of power destroys the fundamental system of checks and balances, making the resulting Order illegitimate.

Irrefutable Admission of Constitutional Failure

The gravity of this complaint is confirmed by admissions from the highest levels of the executive branch, which are currently benefiting from the unconstitutional order.

- I draw the Commission’s attention to the public statements by Attorney General Treg Taylor on June 5, 2025: “**I do believe that that right is currently constrained, unfortunately, and it’s not according to the constitution.**”
- **Argument:** When the State's chief law enforcement officer publicly admits that the system enforced by the judiciary is **unconstitutional**, the ACJC cannot in good conscience dismiss a complaint challenging the very legitimacy of that system. The Commission has a duty to address the continued enforcement of an admittedly unconstitutional framework by judicial officers.

III. Request for Relief Under ACJC Rule 9(b)

I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. Set aside the screening panel’s recommended dismissal.
2. Open this matter as a jurisdictional complaint.
3. Assign special counsel for a full investigation.
4. Issue a public report on the judicial role in SCO 1993.
5. Recommend suspension of SCO 1993 enforcement pending constitutional compliance.

Conclusion and Requested Action

This is not a policy dispute. It is a documented constitutional conspiracy involving Alaska’s highest judicial officers. The evidence is undisputed, on the record, and admitted. The public is watching. The recommended dismissal mischaracterizes the complaint as a common disciplinary or procedural issue. It is far more severe. The evidence establishes a clear case where judicial actions have:

1. **Suspended** a non-suspendable constitutional right.
2. **Violated** the foundational doctrine of the separation of powers.

These allegations strike at the core of the judicial officers' constitutional jurisdiction and institutional role. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct:


1. **Set aside the recommended dismissal.** Under **ACJC Rule 9(b)**, you have the power—and the duty—to act. I urge you to vote to open this investigation and restore Alaskans' faith that no judge is above the Canons or the Constitution.
2. **Open the complaint as a Jurisdictional Complaint** to fully investigate the constitutional authority and legitimacy of the judicial conduct leading to and enforcing SCO 1993.

The integrity of the Alaska Constitution and the public's trust in an independent judiciary depend on the Commission's willingness to address this profound constitutional failure.

Thank you for your service and consideration.
Respectfully submitted,


Thomas A. Garber Pro Se Complainant

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Unknown speaker 08:17

in progress. Mr. Zervos, would you be so kind as to let us know if you can hear us? That's a thumbs up. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you. Okay. Bye -bye. Bye -bye. Thank you. All right. So we are recording whatever you would like to start, Chair.

Unknown speaker 08:53

Thank you. It is August 19, 2024. It is now 1049. And this was a time set for our public session of the commission on judicial conduct. Let's go around and introduce our everyone that's here today. Judge Temple from Bear Banks.

Unknown speaker 09:12

Aldean Kilburn, Bear Banks. Judge Wheelis, Anchorage. Donald McClintock, Anchorage. Todd Fletcher, the public member of Anchorage. Robert Sheldon, the public member of Anchorage. Jane Forrest, attorney of virtue of Marlee Greenstein, executive director.

Unknown speaker 09:27

So here we are missing one of our members in that forum. Let's start with reviewing the agenda. Does anyone have any changes to the public agenda? I would like to answer them in the front of the presentation.

Unknown speaker 09:50

Madam Chair, would I interject for a moment? I need to correct myself on Anchorage. I'm so used to saying, oh, I'm actually a resident of Tel Aviv and they have been for three years now. So with that noted, please continue.

Unknown speaker 10:04

Records. Anyone else besides change request for condition? Any objections? All right, let's start with approval of our public. public session minutes from the May 17th meeting. I think we have three minutes.

Unknown speaker 10:23

Second to the one. Any comments from anyone? All those in favor? Any opposed? Minutes from the public session of our staff today. Turning next to the director's report. Okay, so a few things. Start with the budget.

Unknown speaker 10:43

So as you know, that's why we were, it became a difficult budget for us to deal with because of our change in the public session. So it was more of a first year, but it felt, because the change happened at the end of the session and I didn't realize at the time that we didn't have our ability to do our normal business.

Unknown speaker 11:17

especially our travel for FYI community work. So, as I reported in prior meetings, and we had scrambled to save money on travel, which we were pretty good at doing. We did put in for a supplement request where visual travel for the long request was \$48 ,000.

Unknown speaker 11:39

The Senate, I mean, it's still going to be reduced to the actual \$5 ,000, \$8 ,000. The legislative committee for the W .E .W. Not sure how we're going to handle that, that it

looks like as our numbers are all coming in, it looks like on the date of the COVID -19 scenario, how we're going to handle the COVID -19, allowing us to make \$5 ,000 for the COVID -19 initial outiciencies.

Unknown speaker 12:16

So, yeah. It's my backup, and that it sounds like it's been a word I find that it's been being saved in your race. I appreciate all of your flexibility, and also the understanding of having to keep this flying and fly out in meetings when the angry social crisis are interceding.

Unknown speaker 12:39

So, thank you for that flexibility as well. And I think that part of our community will have to be on go, and we can plan out there next day as for our fall spring meetings, that are keeping anything that is within the, it's the expanding jurisprings and indigence.

Unknown speaker 12:59

And it's just, it's not the use of the data to send an opinion. But to prepare for our next year's budget, next year will be another one of those annual, or biennium. Commission. national commission conferences, the traditional arts conference.

Unknown speaker 13:20

So when I prepare our next year's budget, I will put in increased retrieval to let us actually have those ones dedicated in our budget for all our commission members to attend the conference and we'll base the costs based on the DC conference.

Unknown speaker 13:38

So part of our short thoughts I explained was that we were basing our expense estimation in the player and that was pre -2020 versus now. So I think we're in good shape on those lines. Our budget usually gets submitted beginning of December, so I am interested in likely having our next meeting to get that submission and we'll put something together.

Unknown speaker 14:10

Our FY25 budget requests went through pretty much the way we had submitted it and then when we recognized that we were still basically underfunded a natural line even with the increase on the Wisconsin finance went on to give us \$1,500 through that and once again we put it in your veto together strong the hunch of love what makes it good and so we still got the increment request that we had initially we're going to check with the spirit um it needs to be able to discuss it and yeah I'm strong.

Unknown speaker 14:58

A moment from that would give us the plus four week at death when it's more of a new state or not knowing but we should be able to um they also pay the \$7,000 anything for rent and that's what it's going to take so on page 10 we'll see how it's going and it doesn't tell you how much it's going to be worth but I'm very proud to be part of it and they're also personal services in front of the groups that we're in and faculty and we're a part of it.

Unknown speaker 15:43

The larger system like you know I think yeah I mean some of the the people get the end of the FY 24 I believe you look at the FY 24 um expensive but you see that near the overspending for travel. It was largely, it was two things.

Unknown speaker 16:22

It was the DC conference, which we usually can't see where. And yeah, last September, yeah, so I think that's it on the budget. Any questions? I can just tell you in terms of why did the governor, you know, veto our travel, but someone's pointing out to me he vetoed even executive branch travel increases.

Unknown speaker 16:57

So it's apparently a personal philosophy of his not to increase your investment insurance. So it's, I don't think there was any, any statement about how to support not money to spend in the state, to spend in state drugs.

Unknown speaker 17:22

What category should there be a majority of the traffic? It's spread out, I don't think that's how we address it, but it's spread out over a bunch of other places we were able to save money, so we scrambled it in last year or two.

Unknown speaker 17:41

We changed, I mean we got all this, but we did things like we changed our daily subscription to digital only in the paper. We changed our Adobe and some of our software licensing to a monthly charge from printing annual payment.

Unknown speaker 18:00

We cut out one of our phone lines, we had three phone lines, so we needed a reduced attitude. It was like, we just went through everything, and it was like, do we need this? Yes, we need it. Do we need it at this level, you know, and so we went through, were there other things we need to talk about?

Unknown speaker 18:24

What were the big differences? There was just a bunch of things we would move the billing from one mass payment per year to monthly because it significantly would cut out several hundred dollars or whatnot.

Unknown speaker 18:37

We got rid of some of our Adobe subscription because there's multiple different levels, but we had a bigger one than we really needed because we were looking at three specific programs, and we said we can really do without one of the programs, so we went down to just Acrobat Pro and Dreamweaver, which is what we use for websites, and then there were a lot of like office supply type purchases that we just didn't make.

Unknown speaker 18:57

We sort of made do without, and I'm in the process of re -stalking now. But one of the biggest chunks was the fly -in, fly -out, and the hybrid meeting was where the biggest chunk of funds came from to try and cover that.

Unknown speaker 19:11

And if you remember January meeting, we had, for years, been able to accumulate freedom of fire. So we, we stopped our entire time with my college, for those who didn't get here. So yeah, it was, I don't want to do that again.

Unknown speaker 19:29

Remind me of my salary days. But yeah, yeah, so we just went through everything. Yeah, it was really helpful. Just figuring out where we kept studying. We were finished. And then the court system at the end of the year, but they weren't really concerned about if you were going to go through a respect and you could walk us through the issue.

Unknown speaker 19:52

They also went through with us and helped us identify. We're now, we did this thing called an encumbrance for our monthly rent, which means that it's now been coded and categorized, where that's no sense of aid, and we can't pull it out for anything except for a monthly rent.

Unknown speaker 20:12

Um, so that will help us and also, um, just delineate which fiscal year certain things entered into it. So it was a, it was a good exercise for the system. And hopefully we can restore some of those things.

Unknown speaker 20:27

I definitely need to replace my desktop computer and we put that off every year and definitely need some of those kind of things to be able to do this. So yeah, it was a lot of, you know, \$200 a year, \$100 a year, and then it ended up to the fact that as we need it

instead, we should theoretically have a little bit that we can still hand back to the government and say, oh, here's what's left of our professional services line.

Unknown speaker 20:55

So the professional services line item that we now have is we're authorized \$75 ,000 for just official services and our cost of production services last year, I think we're right around 60 ,000. So we should let up a little bit because what they did is they transferred.

Unknown speaker 21:15

I thought they would just, yes, we're spending that they just, for example, they have to transfer the whole chunk of sending us into us. And then we left that this year, I told them to keep language as you know, expected zero.

Unknown speaker 21:32

And then if it turns out we need it, then we just go through the processing together and I guess we need the whole chunk again, but we don't, and currently we don't think it's just a spread of professional services.

Unknown speaker 21:48

We think it's just a spread of professional services, we think it's just a spread of professional services. But I guess we're talking about my commission members status and status at 9 -9 on your agenda.

Unknown speaker 22:30

My professional activities, I did go to your commission at the end of July and August. And really interesting and effective meetings as usual. On my national association disciplinary council. You may notice that.

Unknown speaker 22:48

I'm not sure I'm going to be able to do that. I'm not sure I'm going to be able to do that. If there is anything. national feeling of what's going on. I do feel for states to elect their judges as they're under even more pressures than we should have shared in the state that it's each means of feeling no criticism from the public.

Unknown speaker 23:26

So I think we're in a better position than the states. We're not getting to worry about those election pressures. I'm just going to share that there is an overall failure to share things for us. I'm just curious if we need to read the things that you said about these things.

Unknown speaker 23:46

I never told you how old the judges are, but I just keep wondering is it because they're younger they don't have the same old age background to know what's right and wrong. I'm just curious. Well I mean there's something that there's that I my personal view is part of it is that they are mostly students are elected.

Unknown speaker 24:11

So they I think that the selection is rigorous for those judges to get the position. You know if they're former politicians they may take that same line such that they may judge and not change their way of thinking is part of that.

Unknown speaker 24:33

You just kind of go yeah I say yeah and then there are some states like Texas and New York that still have non -lawyer judges. Those usually are spelled out in those cases. They say it's a non -lawyer judge.

Unknown speaker 24:47

They non -lawyer judges obviously because they don't do legal training. You can get themselves into more trouble. Yeah no I'm always amazed too. You should shake your

head. Yeah exactly yeah it's a you know I think if you could say let's come into non-inator people would try and change the dress so that it doesn't seem like you could say.

Unknown speaker 25:11

to. And in terms of the agenda for the association, they did get back to the session. The one session I looked at was really interesting. It's always an issue. It's usually in the workplace. And just on the side, I'm working there.

Unknown speaker 25:46

It's on the workplace. I'm on the submitting, developing workplace analysis report system. I'm going to invite the two of you. I'm the judge. I'm going to submit the two of you to join the next meeting.

Unknown speaker 26:02

You're at the point where they're going to play. And then the American Bar Association meetings in the informational packet. I'm the judges' journal editorial board. You know, I'm doing great edits on the judges' journal.

Unknown speaker 26:25

And this summer's issue is the digital copy and the ideas. We take on one special editor issue which I'm a bit more interested in. This one's visualized. This is a custom judiciary. What's the topic that I've wanted to do for a long time?

Unknown speaker 26:46

So it was really good to put this together. With the national meetings of the Supreme Court of the United States, when we need for some kind of benefits and ability or just qualifications standards and getting that discussion happening, it's very timely.

Unknown speaker 27:04

And it's definitely within the book consciousness, right? So usually I have to explain the work I do. And the person who's a Supreme Court and stuff is like, oh, yeah. Everyone's aware of that. Maybe actually judicial evidence is the thing.

Unknown speaker 27:21

And so in addition to those professional things, so we're still working on the code of judicial conduct revisions. It's currently before the Supreme Court. We've had, I think, four meetings of the Supreme Court so far.

Unknown speaker 27:38

And we're scheduled roughly once a month from then. We're just not ready to be scheduled in December, hoping to capture to finish it before the initial draft together. So there are some changes. And once it goes through the Supreme Court, it will be circulated once again.

Unknown speaker 28:09

And it'll be a part of that. broader circulation than the official draft circulation plan. So we'll see if we do get any public feedback on that. It's been a really good process. And as we accepted the greatest thing, really trying to draw this picture, we'll have attention to detail.

Unknown speaker 28:30

And then I am still doing the new judge one of its orientations. And I will be doing a program for October on volunteer self-confidence. And the person, judge did send advice that technology can do for this publication.

Unknown speaker 28:59

Somebody I've worked with for a long time. You can see your judge from DC. And so we're going to do. Basically, a program on judicial ethics issues is to be changed, so it's going to be, basically, and I'm already having a presentation with various tech issues that are coming up.

Unknown speaker 29:27

And just to give you a preview, it's like all the rules are still the same rules, it's just that the technology changes and how those rules get up all day. And what will be challenging for judges are the verification things of technology phrases, like how do you know something to go.

Unknown speaker 29:50

And also keeping up, now that we're switching to the electronic files, it's just important. Join the meeting. Hello, everyone, we have a few questions. I'm going to turn this over to you. What do you think about the meeting?

Unknown speaker 30:15

You can't get an influx of insights, as you can tell by our meeting faculty. We first scheduled this meeting for August and I wasn't sure whether we would want a full packet basis because it was more than full packet.

Unknown speaker 30:28

And I have, currently, after this meeting, I still have five jurisdictional meetings on specific parts of the presentation. The side two, I intentionally deferred until we had the opportunity for the judge to wait until those.

Unknown speaker 30:48

And, yeah, you know, these results will give us two complaints. And then we have three non -jurs to jump and things that just came into the basket. So in our closed session, I get to see that we had unusual non -salmon signatures, which are the complaints.

Unknown speaker 31:07

And I will say a bit of that as I've changed myself. screening a little bit based on your response to the jurisdiction. You wanted more things, you need to look at more things. So you need some of those showing up as jurisdiction.

Unknown speaker 31:21

In the past, I might have initially present another sort of jurisdiction. So there's a little bit of that. But, but in general, we need to get into all things that need to be done. And then in terms of the informal advisory opinions, I've given in 32 since our main meeting, 25 of those which are judges, three of the interest rates, went to a senior pro -ten judge, went to a court administrator, went to a So,

Unknown speaker 32:03

as usual, most of the questions were disclosure and just enough patient questions. We did decide that there was a party in the case before the judge, and the judge was the older sister of the judge's child's friend, but there was a huge age difference between them and the judge had never met this older sister.

Unknown speaker 32:34

Both parties happened to be represented, so I said that disclosure should be good enough. It was a small community, so I did suggest, just because of the size of the community, if they asked how to move to disqualified, the judge might want to get so good at it.

Unknown speaker 32:54

Another situation, the record reflected that the judge may have represented a good person in a prior matter, so that means the judge served as a good person. Obviously, when the judge was a lawyer, it was 11 years earlier, the judge had no memory of that and looked at it, so that was likely given prior file.

Unknown speaker 33:20

The thought was okay to proceed the issue there, but as the attorneys are fine with the judge proceeding, but the incapacitated person didn't get the power to say it was okay. So it was just interesting theoretical, but because the judge had represented the person to pretend they were interested in seeing like it would be in any way to get this in first, even if the judge had some memory, which the judge did,

Unknown speaker 33:44

so he thought it was good. I'm sorry, but this one judge had an unrepresented litigant, a neutrino in front of him, an unrepresented litigant, he had sought for a new judge in several terms previously, and then subpoenaed the judge to be a witness in the case.

Unknown speaker 34:05

So we talked through it, and just... became a record to make the court instead of explaining the role of the judge. And what made it more complicated was it was a jury trial. So I never talked to a judge about how it all went.

Unknown speaker 34:24

But hopefully, and then we'll see. That's a little uncomfortable. Another instance, I told the judge there's no need to disclose that the judge's personal position was for the same medical period. Yes, a physician who's turning to a bunch of lawyers that the financial interest in that is next to him.

Unknown speaker 34:58

And then if you have questions about more than once, but can change this on the Supreme Court. appellate judges with close friendships with other judges and wondering about what that makes any disqualification issue, and it doesn't.

Unknown speaker 35:17

It's really interesting, but disqualification never addresses relationships between judges. It just doesn't. It's only about parties or interest in the litigation. It's assumed that every appellate judge is going to view anything that another judge does in just the legal format

and framework, and there's nothing personal to stay for the trial judge and getting overturned or getting their case reviewed.

Unknown speaker 35:48

So the only, when I did initially research it just to make sure the only, the rethinking it only recently because there's, I believe it's a federal court of appeals where two members of the court got married after they were in court together.

Unknown speaker 36:08

And so they're now at the Tuesday status of sitting on the same floor each year. And so the federal, the federal, you know, spot notifications are looking at that to see if that is a problem, but they aren't going to sit on the same floor together.

Unknown speaker 36:24

Yeah. Yeah. I know. I know. It doesn't sound like a fun time to be there, but yeah. So that the parties, parties and players are questioning. Yeah. But I guess it was a question of whether they're really independent judges.

Unknown speaker 36:42

But that's the only time I say it's come up. There was a, there have been instances where there's been like a parent child in the appellate relationship. And even though it's never expired, I think for parents issues, they've not made a real reassignment case.

Unknown speaker 37:00

So that the parents would look into the child's decisions. So it is just an interesting thing that's more and more, and I think it's just because there's been some change of events and crisis questions.

Unknown speaker 37:24

Parents of impropriety questions, there was a judge called to deliberately knew that, you know, not sign the pay of the David, and was going to sign it after the judge became current and just wanted to check if there was anything they needed to be aware of in doing that.

Unknown speaker 37:41

And I said, no, just make sure you have the date, the actual date you're signing it. So as a judge in a small community that asked what's concerned because there was a service within that community, the judge needed to be able to spend something new service available for that within the community, and that's...

Unknown speaker 38:08

The person who owns that business doesn't care anymore. So it's just the nature of being a small community that they need to use the service, use the service, and then just want to be part of the support and community support group.

Unknown speaker 38:29

Where a judge put a judgment on the record that end up in proceedings that was timely, that the business report had a code that failed to file the agreed report onto the name. And the judge didn't realize until it was passed in six months that this hadn't happened and the judge hasn't if they looked like they were the right.

Unknown speaker 38:48

So we talked about that. Once the judge became aware of that, the judge feel they can no longer sign those candidates and be prepared. But if the judge had no way, no peace could make them to think, to keep up on what somebody else was supposed to do.

Unknown speaker 39:07

There was a local church they wanted to honor at a judge. And I said, we need more information. It's interesting what the recognition for the poor and what it was going to be in raising folks. And it proved out.

Unknown speaker 39:21

And so they figured that out. It's an interesting instance where there was a discharged juror who had a disability and that discharged juror wrote to the judge because they thought they made them discharged because of their disability.

Unknown speaker 39:45

And the judge wanted to communicate that with that person to display that that wasn't the case. So we talked about that and just said, I thought that was fine, but the judge agreed to let them try to break the break and not engage with the discharge juror.

Unknown speaker 40:05

So I can I ask you a question so that... question about the judge who signed up the affidavit there was a piece still pending that another party was supposed to so the judge does not have a responsibility to take action monitor they if they know about it yes but this was a case where the person wasn't aware that that was outstanding so we know different than probably waiting for a master's report if it didn't show up if the judge knows then yes it's that fuzzy language that says the best thing i know this judge wasn't aware of it it kind of knows how the electronic slide would step along and help with any of this to make it worse because if you don't look at the right there is so many there's so many checks and bounds and i think it's going to be scary i hope so but i don't find it easier trying to keep track of everything electronically like where is that yeah i think yeah it's one of the things that all have to work through hopefully if all the boxes are in shadow there will be something in place to make sure that one of us is to get gender and then let's see um i said it was out there for a newly appointed judge mutual biology interned at this newsletter i've been acknowledging that this person's going to be a judge as long as the patent is appropriate for being a judge um and i still get calls on that and so my advice has been to me if you're uncertain whether there's a duty report to go ahead and help our consul okay we're talking about calls from judges yeah judges call me that's like i don't want to make that so if they come to our house it's the best person to assess that and then there's an interesting it's a party situation your lawyers and opinion matter before a judge expresses security concerns that there's an opposing party who's not represented the parents that we think this is and in and of itself the judge could handle that the lawyer of this that's just backing motivation um and so it was a question whether the judge has the same documentation rest it's very So,

Unknown speaker 43:07

I basically in terms of that type of advice I gave was as long as the judge created a record and addressed the threat issue and research, the disclosure issue, the judge was clear. But they're really success.

Unknown speaker 43:28

You know, that's where he says unless otherwise, but I just understand if as long as the judge was addressing it, a research, you know, Questions? 8 -9 So they Next issue was about the commission members data from the letters that were requested to go out to boards and commission and the Alaska Bar Association.

Unknown speaker 44:14

Let me see in a second that the bar has asked to put it on its board meeting. Your name is not in. I don't think we have. No. I will say that, you know, as you can tell, she is open and the commission wants to ask the Alaska Bar board members to take any additional entry and things.

Unknown speaker 44:42

I like to open instead. I don't know that when I think the letter likely speaks for itself that I would present it to all of you here today, if you could say any for any follow -up to our association.

Unknown speaker 44:55

I will say they're still waiting for a public member or a public member for the board member since they're over a year for them. I would say, yeah, I would say add a social function that members of the staff and the PSG, they're waiting for.

Unknown speaker 45:10

I mean, it's not specific to our mission. I think that's reassuring in any way. But I don't think it's necessarily indicated or you know, it's anything you think about. I think next, well, we've got a new business item.

Unknown speaker 45:38

I think we need to set our next meeting. Maybe we should come up with something. Maybe like end of November, beginning of December. And it's late this year. It's actually funny. But I know from all of you, that it is to me.

Unknown speaker 46:10

I don't think I'm going to be able to see that. But back, just in fact, I'd like to get one of them. But what you might have seen, Jeff, is they're all three out of cover. So the first Friday, summer would be December 6.

Unknown speaker 46:38

That's me in the other side. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. This is my, I hesitate to do that because I have a website trial in November, which means that anything that we've been born in November is going to push to December, so it's going to be like a month.

Unknown speaker 47:41

What about the 16th? Yes. December 16th. Yes. December 16th. I'll just, um, I'll circulate our draft. We can always ratify it. We don't need a special. And we need a telephone system. And we often move it after it just gets similar, which is, you know, go to the public session.

Unknown speaker 48:26

So it's nothing. It doesn't just. I need a beer. I'll be here, but I'm sure I'm going to have to cancel hearings for people. Generally, I hope you didn't tune up. Having Monday means the damage of writing.

Unknown speaker 48:42

Of course, it's down at noon. So there's less burning. It's. It's. It's. Amazing. Amazing. It's. Pretty much. I mean, I'm fine. If I was the only one with the six, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't December 6th.

Unknown speaker 49:36

Oh, I will move, I will move what I am doing on the 6th. We're doing the 6th, December 6th, Friday, December 6th. She moved the window. She moved the window. She moved the window. She moved the window.

Unknown speaker 50:09

Actually, I think what we all came up with in the United States, I think it was summer personal thoughts. We should be okay. So I think we'll start earlier. Thank you. Wonderful. Thank you. So public education, what I call this kind of really is a result of my read through the judges journal articles, and a lot of what's happened with nationally and that's what's going on.

Unknown speaker 51:08

It occurred to me that there's so much misunderstanding that's just based on what this commission does, and I know that even for legislative confirmation hearings, sometimes folks get confused with what's the commission council doing, what's the public commission doing.

Unknown speaker 51:25

And I think, you know, there has been an effort to explaining to our last this selection selection process and contrast Alaska to other states. And it just occurred to me that even though, case by case, there's a lot that could be shared with the public education, and I thought those articles were excellent.

Unknown speaker 51:52

You have traditional training programs, you know, you know, I was thinking about how the council, it started, I was talking to the chair for the yearbook because it started with the art degree club have three people come and talk about the judicial system.

Unknown speaker 52:07

selection process. And as they're talking and explaining and members of the group had questions, I realized that the conduct commission is the other piece of that. So the public, if they're aware of the process on both leads, then any member of the public can file the plate behind them.

Unknown speaker 52:21

And the ethics issue, I really feel like it would help so much. And some of the things we see that come to us for complexion of public, they're just, they just need to understand and learn. And even understanding the difference between a legal issue and the ethical issue.

Unknown speaker 52:39

That's something that we all get, possibly and explaining that to the public. To understand the sort of the nuts and bolts of how the plates are processed. The jurisdictional issues, again, the legal and ethical issues are how our review process works.

Unknown speaker 52:56

In fact, the judges sent through process rights also without that, those kind of issues. Even what our authority is, in terms of the different levels of public versus private censorship and all that kind of stuff and how that works.

Unknown speaker 53:10

I mean, we all have that learning curve ourselves. So I think that you're really, really helpful. I was actually thinking that the newsletter we get, I've often told other people about what happens in other states.

Unknown speaker 53:23

And I'm thinking, wow, if we could have that on our website. I don't know if that's a, we probably have a subscription or something about the work. But comparing and contrasting our state to other states in the whole election process, because there's such this feeling about electing judges.

Unknown speaker 53:40

And then there's the whole issue with judicial retention and people starting. Basically, there's an uptick in people voting non -retain, even though they have no experience with a particular judge. And if the public knew that we had these robust systems, both with the judicial council and the commission conduct, once a judge is seated, they really would be public to the public.

Unknown speaker 54:04

So I raise it just because I wanted everybody to think about it. And I'm not sure how we would go about doing it. Well, I think I mentioned last week, I did talk to East Rotary. And I have a nice part of my presentation that went under real well.

Unknown speaker 54:24

I put the word out, Dr. Rotary is just getting on schedules. And any of you, I'd be happy to go with you to any Rotary or Chamber of Commerce or any whatever groups you're involved in. And I think it's a really important thing to do for sure.

Unknown speaker 54:43

I also said that even with the move, I think Sally, the move was really simple. I don't remember if any of you were involved. It was Mike Garrity and Bruce Pizzello and Bruce Menvers. And they did their thing, and I couldn't help.

Unknown speaker 55:00

I hadn't completely told them what we do. And afterwards, they said that we should be part of the presentation. And really, because it really is two pieces, it's not just like permanent, right? So I think it's good what you do, but I'm thinking bigger.

Unknown speaker 55:14

I'm thinking if there's, if there's such this demand, that maybe we actually, and I suppose if you have a bunch of issues, we were actually I don't know, I think we should really think outside the box.

Unknown speaker 55:28

But I think the same thing is, is that markets questions are just an example of what you're talking about, that wants to know how things work. So just kind of pivoting off of all this, perhaps maybe we have a setup where both groups come together and your presentations, video, and it's reported and put on YouTube, and then a link given on both websites.

Unknown speaker 55:51

So I think that's that way. In the reference, I mean, I brought a letter from the public speaker very much. Hoping he was actually up there. Yeah. Yes. Oh, yes You know, this is pretty straightforward stuff the questions it's asking It's all available directly on the website with a link This our staff has limited time in order to execute their days But all this is readily available and I think we've actually got an over this previously.

Sheldon 56:29

I know for a fact that a meeting this past winter I took a lot of time on what we could and could not do and Mr. Martin here that because it actually addressed what's in his letter today but The the other I know that we can't guard against is there's a misinterpretation of a sentence It's in a document that we wrote of what the Senate said and so and I So there's only so much that we can do I I would just advocate for maybe not having a mock presentation but Set up maybe before someone's lawyer or before some other public Gathering where both sides come together.

Unknown speaker 57:18

I mean I'd love to see The other thing is soon as not everybody's gonna go to a website Because it's there That's why I really think the idea is there is a certain shroud of secrecy on what we're dealing with complaints And it has to be that way But that doesn't need to carry over into everything and so I think part of it is to show for there to be Transparency.

Unknown speaker 57:43

So I guess I like the idea of doing some kind of Personable more kind of something and you've been in person It's always more that if you certainly can put some way video or something your website. The thing is But you know, maybe just a specially made video on the SDV5 or 10 minutes like the court system does one for jurors and explains the jury trials work for people coming in.

Unknown speaker 58:13

It's professionally done, it's very educational, and maybe the stakeholders should counsel this body justice for the justice of the politics and what they're calling the administration. Folks who probably want the same information may be easily accessible to the study.

Unknown speaker 58:34

Sure, especially in a video, people can have these questions as it might be beneficial. And I- These are only for a grant too. I hate to have that done. Yeah, I mean, I think we can find where this is set.

Unknown speaker 58:47

And I'd like to say, since I've been on this commission, I think the commission has done a very good job of looking at how we can better our process and better inform the public. And so I think that what you're talking about really gets in by being able to sit and bump it together to just further that process along so that people really understand what it is that it's done and what it would be.

Unknown speaker 59:14

Because I really think we've done a great job of trying to help them understand what we do as a group. And I believe for Alaska, they have three judges and three public members, for me to turn that place, we are doing the kind of working basis for how things will work out from the different aspects.

Unknown speaker 59:35

So, I hope that this is helpful for you guys. Yeah, I'm sending an email to all of you. And the first is from social media. Yeah, it's a little piece about us that speak. Oh, yeah. That's been a little bit of a piece of that.

Unknown speaker 59:57

It sounds like the narrow point that you prepared though, to see what we're seeing. Yeah, it was. Well, and even if there were lawyers, there were retired judges there, and so they learned something.

Unknown speaker 01:00:07

So I talked a lot about the disqualification process, for example, like somebody who's just qualified and has to be put together by another judge, like there are lawyers that don't know. So just those three subject tells.

Unknown speaker 01:00:21

Not long as you say, I'm proud to hear that right now. They gave me 20 minutes and I talked fast to get it. But we appreciated that. I was going to invite you to my room. I had to sit in my room. I mean, I can talk fast.

Unknown speaker 01:00:40

We can do it together. Yeah, we can do it together, yeah. Yeah, I'm with the JMPA, we're able to get classes prepared, of course, in terms of... C3 activities on educating people in preparedness budget classes.

Unknown speaker 01:00:55

So I'm confident folks that, you know, it does make sense to actually talk about the other side. to develop the Constitution and it is this convention about that. Additionally, even like questions that are asked when the surveys are done, judges, and this is the official translation, but all those questions that go to ethics, I'm not sure how many states do that, but that's, you know, how many people realize that they are targeting them for that particular page.

Unknown speaker 01:01:30

Yeah, no, yes, I just think that, and, you know, I learned things like, you know, what makes our state need to make this kind of a unified court system and realize that this is a private court system, just not having local municipal judges and what a difference that makes in terms of independent and professional judges and pages.

Unknown speaker 01:01:51

This, yeah, I'm just telling you, just learn from the bank of our system. yeah none of our people in court in in jails understand any of this but they're actually they know a little bit more than they are and then new judges are also required to go to a new judge conference in january every year we fire the mandatory so new judges feel free to get two conferences the rest of us get one conference every year and the one -on -one ethics orientation of new judges because of the the size of our judiciary i think we'll do that we know that's another luxury that other students do you know just get that one out there's also a new onboarding process that's underway right now where judges are taught not only the things that being used to know just to be able to function on the bench but also are you know taught about what marla does and how they push marla is that we start how we understand the introduction of how it works that that's going to be hampered with the training person so some of the things that i'm going to be hearing about at the conference i'm very excited to read that the location that you included because i teach all the judges about that no so yeah i mean if i'm happy to start either come to juneau yeah seriously or give you something that you which of you can do together which we wanted to bring up instructions i don't think it didn't come with a particular time but we can facilitate that the prep usually we have to be very active in getting kind of the check for these students like usually like a friend of mine listened in scrotary so she person to trust me.

Unknown speaker 01:03:58

And I, you know, if I just approach this, my position in a trustee usually takes a member of the group to invite you. So it doesn't need to be involved in, but I really understand about the efforts to get the secrets.

Unknown speaker 01:04:12

But I have one last comment, and that is figuring out the different terms of audiences, because rotary is a certain moment in the public, but it's a lot of the work that is not, right? So figuring out how best to reach the various groups, right?

Unknown speaker 01:04:25

So I know, for example, in the judicial council, it just goes to community council. It's just a big conversation today. So it's good. That's at the point, Jean, and it just made me think of, I do it, I do it, the training every year, drop off to training with eighth graders.

Unknown speaker 01:04:47

The eighth graders in June come to my courtroom every year to make a mock agreement and sentencing bail hearings. I teach them about a selection process and how a system works. Their teacher is always the defender.

Unknown speaker 01:05:02

They love that. The sentencing is amazing, the things that they've been sentenced to do outstanding. But it occurs to me that I never talked about this commission and what this commission's role is. And I think that I need to build that in.

Unknown speaker 01:05:19

That's a really good point. I'm going to take myself and talk about that and do that. But those high school seniors are like two years rather than the government. This year was the first year. I have reached out to the government teacher every year.

Unknown speaker 01:05:38

And this was the first year that they brought the 11 -figure government class. And it was a lot of fun. So I am going to do that. Anything else about? Maybe we'll just talk about it next meeting or in between.

Unknown speaker 01:05:58

I'll just encourage you there. I'll follow up on other main groups. Just put out and check people out and decide who's available and what's going to be the things that are going to be extended on the calendar.

Unknown speaker 01:06:11

And we need to keep up with all the members here for a lot of different things. And I do, I have a part of my dad put together to check for the rest of me. I'm just saying, be sure to come in as many as you can.

Unknown speaker 01:06:28

They get informed, they learn, you know, things like this all the time. And they learn from the different departments what these different departments do. And more constitutionally needed mission. I'm wondering if there should be a normal thing like that.

Unknown speaker 01:06:41

And then the words are then reported and you can be an accurate support team. And there is the legislative team. I'm sure that's being legislated. I'm just saying, the court system. And I'm not sure I'm not sure what the report is going to be, but we're sharing the standards and the vision.

Unknown speaker 01:07:11

It's like the state of the commission is important to what we do, and they're just sort of an informative thing at this stage. Yeah, we do have. That's kind of our question. I'm suggesting more of an introvert.

Unknown speaker 01:07:32

No, I know it should be well that would really just pop in my address now so I can find. And something the community councils could get at the same. And you should also. The politicians about that so that the legislature knows more.

Judge Mead 01:07:57

Right. I guess we've got public comments. Before we get started, we had a request from two individuals to speak to the committee commission today. One noted that you might not be able to make it, but because two individuals reached out about the same subject, I wanted to go ahead and inaudible put something on the record, which I don't think is something that we would have done in the past.

Judge Mead 01:08:25

But as we mentioned, we're trying to be a little bit more proactive when we're making sure people understand what we're doing. There was a request. Mr. Martin was when he's here to speak to us about something different this morning.

Judge Mead 01:08:38

But he did ask about the status of an attorney general opinion. And there was another individual from the public who reached out about the same issue. And the request from both of these individuals was what was the status of the attorney general opinion that was contemplated or thrown around at a prior meeting related to the bond issue.

Judge Mead 01:09:03

Thank you. I spoke with Marla and I spoke with Judge Roetman, who was the chair of inaudible. Judge Roetman did not, has not, did not ask for an attorney general opinion. We have never received an attorney general opinion.

Judge Mead 01:09:21

I have never asked for an attorney general opinion, and I have not received an attorney general opinion, in part because I think that the issue, and I think that this commission decided was that the issue that was being requested was outside of our scope.

Judge Mead 01:09:36

And I think one of the things that we decided upon respect to this bond issue was just how important it is for us to remain very true to what our legislative function is, and to act outside of the scope of our legislative function would be inappropriate and outside of the bounds of our authority. So I wanted to make a record that I did respond to Mr. Martin when he asked a question about the attorney general opinion. And I let him know that we did not ask one and I have not received one and that this commission has not received one.

Judge Mead 01:10:12

This is also in response to what Ms. Moore asked. So just making that record. Does anyone have any questions, Mr. Sheldon?

Sheldon 01:10:19

I have more of a comment that inaudible chair. What I found instructive in the areas that we are absent for making any further comment on the kind of instructive what I believe the department administration responded to Mr.

Sheldon 01:10:37

Martin and others, as well as other branches of our government that indicated that there could be things instead of bonds. And this is obviously not coming from us, but I think materials have actually been received by Mr.

Sheldon 01:10:55

Martin. satisfies what his question is towards this end. I appreciate it clarifying that there's nothing from the attorney general requested or expected. I never anticipated that. Myself is sitting in on the meetings, but in any event, I think there's ample information to help with it, especially what we received from the department of administration inaudible

Sheldon 01:11:21

So I just wanted to make that note that this is outside of our purview and those that do have purview have actually provided information towards this end.

Judge Mead 01:11:37

Does anyone else have any question or like any clarity on but I just know the record because I think we're ready to turn to Mr.

Judge Mead 01:11:44

Martin. Again, that's a different question that you wanted to bring to the commission today. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Ed Martin 01:12:18

can you hear me now? I'm assuming you folks can hear me. I tried to make contact with Judge Roetman this morning too, and I tried last week.

Ed Martin 01:12:49

Now, I've had a personal conversation with Judge Roetman back in July when I was a call to jury. duty which I would have brought this question up to a judge at his request I'm sorry somebody's lying to me ma 'am

Judge Mead 01:13:07

I understand sir I I'm just I'm telling you that they I put on the record what I needed to put on the record about the Attorney General again you asked to speak to us about

something in particular today about our process so I was turning to you to ask just maybe we like today about our process

Ed Martin 01:13:26

ma 'am I want it all in writing okay I want it all writing because you know all you people are culpable here and I'm gonna try to keep my composure but you're all where the statutes exist and you're saying it doesn't pertain to you well the hell it don't I'm a licensed bonded in contractor and under state statute numerous public officials and across the statutory framework is required to be bonded and this can't go on any longer,

Unknown speaker 01:13:59

you have to do the right thing. And if you don't, I will file for a formal.

Judge Mead 01:14:04

I understand, sir. Mr. Martin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Martin. You're muted right now and we can't hear you. So just, I understand, sir, that this is a very important issue to you.

Judge Mead 01:14:21

I'm not minimizing it or belittling your opinion. I'm just, I'm asking you to speak to us about the issue that you wrote to us this morning, which is why you're on our agenda this morning. You had some very specific questions about process.

Judge Mead 01:14:37

I did not mean to inflame the situation, but you and Ms. Moore asked a similar question about attorney general opinion, and I just wanted to give you, I wanted to give you the information I had, which is we haven't asked for one and I haven't received one.

Judge Mead 01:14:50

I'm not commenting on anything else other than one doesn't exist. I'm asking you to speak to the issue that you wrote to us about this morning, sir.

Ed Martin 01:15:01

Okay. I've made a good attempt to have Judge Roetman confirm his conversation with me.

Ed Martin 01:15:07

That's all I want to tell you folks. And he told me straight forward, he did put in a request to the AG's office. Same with Peter Micciche and many others. Regardless, as far as my letter, now that I'm work-

Unknown speaker 01:15:20

unmute him again.

Ed Martin 01:15:28

All I'm gonna ask you to do.

Judge Mead 01:15:32

I'm sorry.

Ed Martin 01:15:34

Here they are.

Judge Mead 01:15:36

You cut out a little bit. Can you, I'm sorry, roll back. What are you asking us to do?

Ed Martin 01:15:43

I want you to respond to my letter in writing. All questions, thank you.

Ed Martin 01:15:48

And I will cut off right now. I don't need to speak to you folks anymore. You got me worked up. I don't need to be, I don't need the anxiety. Thank you very much at 69 years old. I don't need it.

Judge Mead 01:16:02

All right, thank you.

Ed Martin 01:16:03

Goodbye.

Judge Mead 01:16:08

Is there anyone else who is, is there anything else that we need to take up or during the public session today? Anything from anyone? All right, public session will adjourn