

MEMORANDUM

To: The Supreme Court

From: Donald J. Christl

Date: June 14, 2019

Re: Referee Training

As a member of the bar, a member of the Board of Administrative Oversight and Chair of the Board's Committee on Expediting Contested Disciplinary Matters, I submit the following observations:

The June 6 hearing contained various, imaginative suggestions as to the content of the training sessions proposed for referees by both the Board's 2018 Report and Petition 19-04.

Please note that the training session would occur bi-annually and extend for only "one-half day," three or four hours.

A reasonable agenda would likely parallel an enhanced CLE seminar. It could include (a) on occasion, keynote comments by a Supreme Court Justice or Court Commissioner; (b) a description of recent developments in the application of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys, SCR Chapter 20; (c) a presentation by a Circuit Court Judge or experienced, respected referee on the rules of evidence or the conduct of hearings; (d) maybe an explanation by a representative of the

disciplinary system in another of the seventeen states that resolve at least some disciplinary cases without involving their supreme courts of their processes and what they learned in doing so and (e) a panel discussion by veteran referees on their experiences and recommendations to the others.

I trust that you agree such an agenda would prove reasonable, practicable and beneficial to those attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Christl

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