

**Committee on Judicial Ethics**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

Committee members present via teleconference: Judge James T. Graham (Chair), Judge Robert B. Shapiro, Judge Vernon D. Oliver, and Judge Michael P. Kamp. Staff present: Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo (until 9:45 a.m.) and Attorney Viviana L. Livesay.

**MINUTES**

- I. Judge Graham called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were present.
- II. The Committee approved the minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular meeting.
- III. The Committee approved the 2019 Annual Report to the Chief Justice, with an amendment. Judge Graham noted that the terms of three members will expire on July 31, 2020 and asked staff to provide the current and prior appointment terms of all members and alternates.
- IV. The Committee discussed **Informal JE 2020-01** concerning whether a Judicial Official may create an LLC with a long-time friend for the purpose of developing real estate and selling the properties if the Judicial Official limits his/her involvement to that of an investor. The Committee tabled the matter until the February 20, 2020 regular meeting and requested that Attorney Libbin, or other staff, investigate the difference between “advisor” and “investor.” The Committee would like staff to research advisory opinions from other jurisdictions to determine what constitutes an advisor and the scope/role of an investor.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.