

External Affairs Advisory Board

Minutes of April 27, 2009

In attendance: Judge Susan Handy (chair), Judge Dennis Eveleigh, Judge Douglas Lavine and Judge Jane Scholl. (Staffing – Attorney Melissa Farley, Rhonda Stearley-Hebert and Jim Senich)

- I. Judge Susan Handy called the meeting to order.
- II. The minutes from the March 16, 2009, meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. The report of the External Affairs Advisory Board was discussed.

Judge Handy reviewed the summary of recommendations and asked if there are any items that were missed or anything that needed to be added to the report. In response, board members made minor changes.

Attorney Farley also reported to the group that the External Affairs Advisory Board will be ongoing, and Judge Handy suggested that the group have a meeting in the Fall.

The group also addressed ways to encourage judges to participate in the Speakers Bureau. The judges agreed that it would be good to have the Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator remind judges that speaking in public is one of the most important things he/she can do as a member of the judiciary. Judge Handy added that it's important to remind the judges to report their speaking engagements to the External Affairs Division.

Committee members agreed that they would review the report one more time before presenting it to the Chief Court Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.