

External Affairs Advisory Board

Minutes of September 16, 2010

In attendance: Judge Susan Handy (Chair), Justice Dennis Eveleigh, Judge Douglas Lavine, Judge Jane Scholl, and Judge Brian Fischer. (Staffing – Attorney Melissa Farley and Attorney Stephen Ment)

- I. Judge Susan Handy called the meeting to order.
- II. The Minutes from the April 27, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. The recommendations of the External Affairs Advisory Board were reviewed and discussed.

Judge Handy inquired as to the status of each recommendation. Attorney Farley then detailed the progress that External Affairs has made in completing, or attempting to complete, each recommendation.

External Affairs has completed twenty-four out of thirty-eight recommendations; the remaining fourteen are in progress.

The External Affairs Advisory Board unanimously approved modifying or eliminating several recommendations, including:

- Recommendation 9: Altered to indicate that External Affairs will send a letter to public libraries advising them of the publications available on the Judicial Branch website;
- Recommendation 11: Eliminated. The DVD was not valuable for the purpose of the recommendation.
- Recommendation 12: Altered to include a reference that the Judicial Branch's High School curriculum will be revised and will include the sentencing DVD referenced in Recommendation 11.
- Recommendation 13. Eliminated, as the Judicial Branch did not receive one response to its letter sent to high school guidance departments.
- Recommendation 18: Judge Handy will send out a letter to all judges reminding them to notify External Affairs if they participate in any community outreach – such as serving on a moot court panel – in addition to participating in the Speakers Bureau.
- Recommendation 30: Eliminated, as CT-N no longer has the original footage of the Cipriani trial.

Attorney Farley also informed the Board of the success of the “Day Trips for Kids” program sponsored by External Affairs this past summer. Judge Handy indicated her desire to see this program continued.

A general discussion ensued on speaking engagements, visits to courthouses by groups, and the importance of notifying External Affairs of each event. Judge Scholl suggestion that the Chief Clerk of each court be contacted asking them to notify External Affairs if they are aware of any group visiting their particular court was adopted.

A general discussion also ensued on the importance of continuing outreach efforts with minority bar associations and community groups.

IV. Update the members on various outreach/media projects.

Postponed until the next meeting of the Advisory Board.

V. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm. The next meeting will be held in late winter/early spring 2011.