

# **MINUTES**

## **Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (COCOLJ)**

**Helena, MT – via ZOOM**

**March 18, 2022**

**Members Participating Via Telephone or Video:** Hon. Perry Miller, Hon. Kelly Mantooth, Valerie Armstrong, Hon. Jessie Connolly, Hon. Holly Frederickson, Hon. Jim Rice, Charlie Harball, Brian Smith, and Scott Twito.

**Members Absent:** Hon. Steve Fagenstrom, Hon. Steve Bolstad, Hon. Heidi Ulbricht, and Peggy Tonon.

**Staff Present:** Shauna Ryan

**Guests:** None

Judge Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on February 18, 2022, were reviewed. Charlie Harball moved that the minutes be approved. Judge Frederickson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Request for Temporary Certificate and Waiver of Training for New Judge – Extension of 6-month testing requirement in a certification year?**

Peggy Tonon was not attendance for this discussion. Valerie Armstrong advised that she had just responded to Peggy Tonon's email and submitted some ideas. They had not heard from Scott Twito, however, and had not discussed it further as a group. This discussion will be continued until the next meeting.

#### **Request for Waiver of Training for Spring 2022 COLJ Conference**

Hon. Sally Hickock, Hon. Bill Franks, and Hon. Kaylan Minor: On behalf of the waiver committee, Valerie Armstrong recommended the waiver requests be approved. The Commission concurred.

Hon. Wanda Drusch: Charlie Harball moved to approve Judge Drusch's request. Judge Connolly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Judge Connolly felt her vast number of years on the bench pooled with both her and her husband's known health issues had to be taken into consideration.

Judge Frederickson advised that she no longer needs the waiver requested previously. She will be in attendance for the duration of the conference.

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Missoula.

May 23, 2022