

MINUTES

Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (COCOLJ)

Butte, MT

April 21, 2025

Members Participating: Hon. Kelly Mantooth, Hon. Steve Bolstad, Hon. Kerry Burman, Hon. Steve Fagenstrom, Hon. Jessie Connolly, Brian Smith, Greg Sullivan, Hon. Maureen O'Connor, Nicole Siefert, and Melissa Rosaaen.

Members Absent: Jeanne Torske, Hon. David Grubich, and Hon. Jim Rice.

Staff Present: Shauna Ryan

Guests: None

Judge Mantooth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on March 21, 2025, were reviewed. Judge Burman moved to approve the minutes. Judge Connolly seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Judge Deskbook - Update

Judge Mantooth reported that he plans to ask those working on the update if it might be possible to get a draft of the Deskbook to review by our June commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Waiver of Training for Spring 2025 Conference

Hon. Jim Doyle and Hon. Ronald Traenkner – On behalf of the waiver committee, Nicole Siefert recommended the waivers be approved. The Commission concurred.

Hon. Gayle Stahl – On behalf of the waiver committee, Nicole Siefert recommended the waiver be approved. The commission did not concur with the recommendation and denied the waiver request (5-4). Shauna Ryan will notify the judge.

Legislative Updates

Judge Mantooth reported that they plan to give a more detailed legislative update on Thursday during the conference as well as during the MMA meeting on Wednesday. There is talk of sine die by the end of this week.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Friday, June 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Helena.