

**Common Pleas & Appellate Courts Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Present:** Jason Adams, Neil Agarwal, Shubhra Agarwal, Judge Clair Dickinson, David Glass, Rhonda Kotnik, Mark Ludwig, Gregory Peacock, Lawrence Scanlon, Alfred Schrader, Magistrate Michael Walsh & Caroline Kirkner.

The meeting was called to order by Lawrence Scanlon at 12:00 noon.

The first order of business was to discuss the committee's submissions for nomination to the Commission of Judicial Candidates. Volunteers for the commission included Mark Ludwig and David Glass. Anyone else who is interested should email Larry Scanlon at [lscanlon@scanlonco.com](mailto:lscanlon@scanlonco.com) and indicate their political affiliation.

Business continued from last year included the Proposed Amendments for the Common Pleas Court. Magistrate Walsh has the comments compiled, and if there are more comments they may be sent to Magistrate Walsh.

Rumors indicate that in October the budget for court-appointed attorneys in Summit County will be depleted. The committee discussed what action (if any) they should take. It was decided that the committee should have a response prepared in case they are asked, and the first step will be to find out for sure what the situation is.

Alternate meeting sites were discussed for the committee meetings, including the Law Library. The committee meeting schedule is as follows:

September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 25<sup>th</sup>  
January 27<sup>th</sup>  
February 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 26<sup>th</sup>  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>

All meetings will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Larry Scanlon will look into relevant CLE topics for the committee for the upcoming year. Any ideas for CLE seminars should be sent to Larry.

Another idea for the upcoming year was to extend an invitation to the new Common Pleas judges to introduce themselves to the committee.

The idea of providing lunch to the committee members was discussed. Currently there is no budget for the committee, however it can be discussed for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned. The next committee meeting is scheduled for **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:45 a.m. at the Akron Bar Association.