

**Colorado Supreme Court**  
**Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum being present, the Colorado Supreme Court Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee was called to order by the Chair, Judge Craig R. Welling, at around 9:00 a.m. via videoconference on April 4, 2025.

The following members were present at the meeting: Judge Craig R. Welling, chair of the committee; David Ayraud; Jerin T. Damo; Traci Engdol-Fruhworth; Magistrate Randall Lococo; Judge Pax L. Moultrie; Angela Rose; Z Saroyan; Lisa Shellenberger; Anna Ulrich; Pam Gordon Wakefield; and J.J. Wallace, non-voting member.

The following members were absent from the meeting: Judge Karen A. Ashby; Judge David Furman; Judge Priscilla J. Loew; Judge Ann Meinster; Professor Colene Robison; Judge Traci Slade; Abby Young; and non-voting members Justice Richard L. Gabriel, liaison justice; and Terri Morrison.

The following materials were used during the meeting:

1. 2.7.2025 C.R.J.P. Committee Draft Meeting Minutes
2. Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the D&N Rules
3. Truancy Rules Subcommittee Update email

**II. Chair's Report**

**A. Approval of Minutes for February 7, 2025 Meeting**

The minutes of the February 7, 2025 meeting were approved without amendment.

**B. Membership Term Renewals**

J.J. Wallace will send emails on Monday to members with expiring terms. The chair hopes that everyone will renew but understands if the press of other business does not allow for continuing with the committee's work.

**III. Present/New Business**

**A. Review of Public Comment**

The chair thanked Anna Ulrich for submitting such a thoughtful written comment to the supreme court. The comment provided a comprehensive review of the history of the committee's work and its process.

The chair asked committee members about feedback they had received and whether he should take the lack of comments as tacit approval of the proposed rules. A county attorney member related that the comments he received focused on discovery. He's received feedback that many county attorneys feel buried in discovery requests but are making good faith efforts to deal with the requests. He heard no other comments and analogized the new rules to buying clothes online. It's possible feedback will come after the rules are in place.

An OCR member indicated that she received only one comment about other rules that should have been included. The member invited the commentator to submit a written comment to the court, but no comment was submitted.

An ORPC member related that he had not heard much feedback and interpreted the lack of feedback as "quiet acquiescence." A trial RPC and members from other stakeholder groups who reached out to their colleagues, such as CASAs, private counsel, and judicial officers, have similarly heard nothing. A private counsel mentioned she submitted a discovery request to a department and had no problems with the request being met.

Judge Welling thanked the members for their comments. He said he would pass them along to the supreme court at the public hearing next week. He added that the proposed rules were a product of all stakeholders being at the table and participating in the spirit of compromise.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Disclosure and Discovery Annual Review Subcommittee**

Z indicated the subcommittee will find meeting dates soon. Once the meeting is set, David Ayraud will recruit a county attorney or two from a different jurisdiction. Magistrate Lococo also offered to put the subcommittee in touch with the lead county attorney in his jurisdiction, who may be a helpful voice.

### **B. ICWA Annual Review Subcommittee**

Judge Moultrie explained that the subcommittee met. Members of the subcommittee related that the primary feedback on the new rules seemed to be focused on the rules being a helpful resource/research tool. There also seemed to be an awareness that the

ICWA rules existed because a member had received several inquiries about where to find them.

Magistrate Lococo added that he had offered to do a presentation on ICWA's application in JD cases at judicial conference but had not heard back yet. Although ICWA would only apply in a tiny sliver of JD cases, when it applies, it can become an issue.

The subcommittee also discussed HB25-1204, which is a proposed law codifying federal ICWA and creating new state requirements. The chair asked those on the committee who were involved with the bill whether preemption would be an issue. Members replied that the bill expands ICWA, which ICWA allows, but the bill was drafted to avoid direct conflicts where preemption would be an issue.

Judge Moultrie indicated that the committee will next meet in mid-May, after the legislative session is over.

### **C. Truancy Rules Subcommittee**

Abby Young was unable to attend today but sent an update via email.

### **V. Future Meetings**

The next meeting is June 6, 2025. Additional meetings are scheduled for: August 1<sup>st</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI. Adjourn**

The committee meeting adjourned at around 10 a.m.