

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park – Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, July 22, 2025

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome

Judge Robert Hofmann, NCJFCJ President, called to order the NCJFCJ Business Meeting of the General Membership at 12:01 p.m. ET and welcomed everyone present.

Judge Hofmann presented the registration of proxies, as follows: Judge Michelle Harrison – Georgia – 80; Judge Faith Graham – Indiana – 11; Judge Brent Pattison – Iowa – 1; Judge Susan Carbon - New Hampshire – 1; Judge Rodney Thompson – New Jersey - 128.

Judge Hofmann announced the following appointment of Convention Officers:

- Parliamentarian – Judge Angela Fannesbeck
- Sergeant at Arms – Judge John Romero (Ret.)
- Tellers – Judge David Katz, Judge Gayl Branum Carr (Ret.), and Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo (Ret.)

Judge Hofmann recognized Executive Committee members, Board Directors, Past Presidents, former Board Directors, Amicus Council and the NCJFCJ team. He announced that a copy of the meeting Agenda and Exhibits can be accessed online.

President's Report

Judge Hofmann drew attention to **Exhibit I**, a notice from the NCJFCJ Legislative Committee encouraging members to engage their legislators during the August Congressional recess.

Judge Hofmann presented the 2025 President's Award to Judge Laurie Clark for her dedication, service, and support to the mission and goals of the NCJFCJ.

Treasurer's Report – Exhibit II

Judge Amanda Heath, NCJFCJ Treasurer, outlined highlights of the past year.

Membership Report – Exhibit III

Judge John Parker, NCJFCJ Secretary, recognized new members to the NCJFCJ and presented the membership update and map.

Member Benefits Update

Judge John Parker reported a partnership between the NCJFCJ and BetterHelp as part of the Wellness/Connection/Leadership Initiative.

Action Items

Judge Parker brought forward **Exhibit III**, the minutes of July 23, 2024, Business Meeting of the Members. A motion was made and a second received that the minutes be approved as presented. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Judge Parker brought forward **Exhibit IV**, the ceremonial resolution in appreciation of those who helped to make the 88th Annual Conference a success. A motion was made and a second received to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Justice Wellness Collaborative

Joel & Courtney Bitonio PSAs

Joey Orduña Hastings, CEO, shared an overview of the Justice Wellness Collaborative and played the Joel & Courtney Bitonio PSAs.

Nominating Committee Report

Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo presented the names of those elected to Officer positions by the NCJFCJ Board of Directors on Saturday, July 29:

Immediate Past President: Judge Robert Hofmann, Mason, TX

President: Judge Kathleen Quigley, Tucson, AZ

President-Elect: Judge Amanda Heath, Augusta, GA

Treasurer: Judge John Parker, White Falls, MT

Secretary: Judge Rodney Thompson, Trenton, NJ

Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo presented the slate of judicial director candidates proposed for election to a three-year term on the NCJFCJ Board of Directors. A motion was made and a second received to elect the Director candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Swearing in of 2025-2026 Officers

Judge Hofmann called upon all newly elected Officers and Directors and administered the oath of office.

Recognition of \$5,000+ Lifetime Donors

Judge Hofmann and Joey Orduña Hastings provided an overview of the NCJFCJ's donor recognition program, which recognizes every \$5,000 donated over a lifetime with one of nine tiles. When all tiles are received, the final make up is a donor tree representing the children and families supported by the courts and communities the NCJFCJ serves with its programs and services made possible by contributions and funders.

Those receiving a tile:

Judge Michael Anderegg, Patricia Cafferata, Judge Beth Dixon, Judge Barbara Mack, Judge Michael Nash, Judge Michael Newell, Judge Kathleen Quigley, Judge Robert Hofmann, Joey Orduña Hastings, Justice Bridge, and John Bridge.

Recognition of Outgoing President

Judge Quigley thanked Judge Hofmann for his term as 2024-2025 NCJFCJ President and presented him with the Past President's plaque and the Past President's pin. Judge Hofmann thanked those who assisted him during his presidential year.

Other Business

Judge Hofmann announced that the 2026 Annual Conference will be held July 19-22, 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Business Meeting of the Members will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Judge Hofmann encouraged all Members to participate in the evening Installation and Awards event where Judge Kathleen Quigley will take the oath of office as President of the NCJFCJ,

and the Justice Innovation Awards – Innovator of the Year and Impact of the Year – will be presented.

There being no other business, at 12:45 p.m. ET a motion was made and a second received that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,
Judge John Parker
NCJFCJ Secretary 2024-2025

All exhibits referred to in these minutes were distributed to members and posted prior to the meeting at: www.ncjfcj.org/membership-meeting. They are on file in the Reno Headquarters Office and are available upon request. All reports referred to in these minutes are incorporated herein by reference.