



BOARD OF APPELLATE COURT JUDGES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPELLATE REPRESENTATION

JUDGE JOHN NIELSEN

CHAIR

Draft Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting held through Webex

Judge John Nielsen, presiding

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Staff:</u>
Judge Nielsen, Chair	Nick Stiles
Will Hains	Amber Griffith
Sarah Jenkins-Dewey	
Margaret Lindsay	
Monica Maio	
Ben Miller	
Lori Seppi	
Ann Marie Taliaferro	
Judge Fred Voros	

1. Welcome and Approval of January 3, 2025 Minutes: (Judge Nielsen)

Judge Nielsen welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a motion on the minutes.

Monica Maio moved to approve the minutes. Lori Seppi seconded that motion, and the minutes unanimously passed.

2. Executive Session – Discussion of Applications: (All)

The Committee moved to executive session to discuss two reapplications to the appellate rosters.

3. Return to Public Session and Vote on Recommendations: (All)

The Committee returned to public session to vote on the reapplications received.

The Committee voted and unanimously approved Ben Miller to be reappointed to the appellate rosters for criminal and juvenile appeals.

Monica Maio moved to approve Sheleigh Harding to be reappointed for the appellate rosters for juvenile, child welfare, and termination of parental rights appeals. Margaret Lindsay seconded that motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Both reapplications will be submitted to the Board of Appellate Judges on recommendation that they be reappointed to the Appellate Roster.

4. Discussion – Committee Members Terms: (All)

The terms of four committee members will be expiring at the end of the year. Three members have already served two terms on the committee and are not eligible for reappointment.

Nick Stiles informed the Committee that UCJA 11-401 establishes the composition of the Committee. Judge Voros suggested selecting a retired Court of Appeals judge as they are assigned child welfare, juvenile and termination of parental rights cases more frequently.

Mr. Stiles will draft a memorandum for Judge Nielsen with the recommended selections. Once approved the memorandum will be submitted to the Supreme Court.

Judge Nielsen thanked Judge Voros and Ann Taliaferro for all the work they have completed for the committee including developing UCJA Rule 11-401.

The meeting was adjourned.