

Georgia Child Support Guidelines Commission Meeting

TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2005

Room 403 @ 9:30a.m.

Subcommittee Chair, Judge Michael Key

I. Welcome and Introductions

Judge Michael Key, presiding over the Training Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at @9:45 am. The meeting was held simultaneously with the Statute Review, chaired by Judge Louisa Abbot. Commission Members attending both meetings include in addition to Judge Key and Judge Abbot: Sadie Fields, Joy Hawkins, Annetta Panetera, Representative Stan Watson, Senator Seth Harp, Judge Tom Campbell and Judge A. Quillian Baldwin, Jr.

The meeting minutes were reviewed via previous email distribution. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

II. Update of Training Plans

Judge Key announced that he had participated in a conference call with several Non-Commission Members to plan the future training. Judge Key said the other participants were Jill Radwin, Steve Steele, Carol Walker, Rich Reeves of ICJE and Steve Harper of ICLE. As described by Judge Key, the call consisted of a brainstorming session. Judge Key knows that everyone on the Commission appreciates ICLE and ICJE's planned involvement and offers of assistance. In particular, it appears that ICLE will take the lead in planning the attorneys' training.

While the training plans have not been firmed up, Judge Key stated training should be as follows:

With Lawyers and Legal Staff: ICLE will develop a Plenary Session that will take place in the morning and possibly part of the afternoon. This Plenary Session will become the general presentation for use in training judges and attorneys. This will ensure consistency of the same information being presented to all professional groups. The anticipated date of training is April 27, 2005. A live site at GPTV and another live group at the State Bar will be anticipated as well as being broadcasted by satellite sites statewide. The primary audience is attorneys; however, judges will be made aware of available training. A separate training for judges will be available

at a later date. The afternoon session will be a practical application session which will enable attorneys to work through the worksheet and schedules.

With Judges: ICJE and Judge Abbot are currently identifying five possible sites throughout the state where judicial training will be offered. On behalf of Juvenile Court Judges, Judge Key took the liberty of agreeing that their training will piggyback with the Superior Court Judges. In fact, all classes of courts will be included in these five training sessions. For the Judges' training, they will re-use the attorneys' plenary session. The practical applications will be done in the afternoon.

The practical application will be assisted by State Bar members available as trainers along with Commission Members and Staff.

With Laypersons: The Commission Staff will develop a two-hour video/DVD presentation geared toward public awareness which will be available to educate laypersons statewide. It will be made available around the state.

III. Implementation Plan

The implementation guide is still in the process of being developed, with Jill Radwin making notes of items to include in the Plan. Once the training is firmed up, Judge Key, Commission Staff and all interested parties will review notes and develop an outline for the implementation guide. Then assignments will be distributed to draft the actual Guide. The outline will then be divided in parts and assigned to draft implementation guide.

Judge Key reiterated the implementation guide will provide an executive and legislative history of the work the Child Support Guidelines Commission has done and what developments lead to the end result after the legislative session.

IV. Future Agenda Items/Meetings

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. Judge Abbot began the Statute Review Subcommittee Meeting.