

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 148

This 19th day of June, 2003,

IT APPEARS THAT:

(1) There are several growing problems with respect to services to the indigent, including the need for a protocol and uniform policy concerning: (a) applications for attorneys' fees and expenses; (b) agreements with contract counsel; and (c) court appointments other than contract counsel in the Supreme Court, Superior Court and Family Court.

(2) It is desirable to form a committee to examine these matters and recommend improvements to the Supreme Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED, with the unanimous approval of the members of the Supreme Court, pursuant to Delaware Constitution, art. IV, §13(1), that:

(A) There shall be a committee created to develop a protocol and uniform policy concerning: (a) applications for attorneys' fees and expenses; (b) agreements with contract counsel; and (c) court appointments other than contract counsel in the Supreme Court, Superior Court and Family Court.

(B) The committee shall be chaired by Supreme Court Justice Myron T. Steele and shall include Superior Court Judge Jerome O. Herlihy, former Justice Joseph T. Walsh, Public Defender Lawrence M. Sullivan (or his designee) and Jerome M. Capone, Esquire, (or his designee).

(C) The committee shall make its report and recommendation on or before September 15, 2003.

Chief Justice

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
The Honorable Randy J. Holland
The Honorable Carolyn Berger
The Honorable Myron T. Steele
The Honorable Jack B. Jacobs
Members of the Judicial Conference

The Honorable M. Jane Brady
The Honorable Lawrence M. Sullivan
Court Administrators
Clerk of the Supreme Court
Counsel to the Governor
Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee
Chair of House Judiciary Committee