**Ethics Subcommittee Conference Call Minutes**

Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:00 p.m. ET

Subcommittee Chair Peter Kiefer convened the conference call:

On the Call:

Amy McDowell

Renee Danser

Joe Tommasino

Norman Meyer

* Approval of the December 13, 2018 Minutes:

Minutes were approved.

* Ethical Issues and Challenges

The compendium of ethics issues and challenges continues to be reviewed and updated. Themes discussed included the tension between the need for neutrality versus freedom of expression; the differing levels of ethical responsibility given an employee’s position in a court; and the effect of the visibility of an act on an act’s ethical concerns.

* Survey of Ethics Review Boards

There were no new questions suggested for the survey. The Subcommittee will work on forwarding a draft of the survey to the Governance Committee for review.

* Archived Ethics Information

Karl Thoennes has been working on identifying and organizing materials from the Court Ethics website.

* Good of the Order

Now that NCAM is using GoToMeeting for its conference call, the question arose whether committee meetings would now be recorded. The board discussed this and determined not to record committee calls unless specifically called for. The feeling of the board was that recording calls would stifle free discussion.

* Next Conference Call

The next conference call is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. ET.