



National Association for Court Management

Strengthening Court Professionals

Ethics Subcommittee Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, May 27, 2021 2:00 p.m. EDT

Subcommittee Chair Peter Kiefer convened the conference call:

On the Call:

Bille Jo Garcia
Joe Tommasino
Karl Thoennes
Norman Meyer
Rick Pierce

- Approval of the April 22, 2021, Minutes
Minutes were approved.
- Update on Catalog of Ethics Codes, Survey, and Information
Thanks to Joe Tommasino who reached out to 9 state court systems asking for their employee ethics codes. We posted codes for New Hampshire (Interpreters) and South Carolina (Political Activity and Interpreters). This brings the total number of ethics codes posted to 66.
- Update on Depiction of Ethics Issues and Challenges
The latest addition to the *Depiction of Ethics Issues and Challenges*: Can courts require employees who refuse to be vaccinated to work in spaces segregated from the rest of the workforce? Can courts provide special incentives to employees to be vaccinated that they withhold from other employees?
- Good of the Order
It was agreed to post the Question of Ethics Video Conversation to the NACM Ethics Webpage.

Judge Susan Sabers, Karl Thoennes, and Peter Kiefer will be hosting a “Coffee Talk” on Ethics and COVID at the Annual Conference, 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14. The session will be live streamed.

Peter Kiefer will be stepping back from the chair of the Ethics Subcommittee after the end of the end of the current NACM year.

- Next conference call.
Thursday, June 24, 2021, 2:00 p.m.