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Planning and Administrative Advisory Council

**Mission Statement:** The PAAC is the Supreme Court’s Planning and Administrative Advisory Council. It exists to provide leadership to the Supreme Court, circuit courts, and the State Court Administrator’s Office on best practices and consistent business policies that affect internal court operations, resources, and priorities; to advise them on long-term statewide planning for the UJS; and to recommend system-wide responses to changing expectations of the judicial environment, such as future trends, technological developments, economic and societal patterns, and shifting demographics. PAAC will work in concert with the Supreme Court’s Technology Council and the Presiding Judges’ Council to offer recommendations that will allow the UJS to anticipate and address those areas in a clear, active, and well-coordinated manner.

**Membership:**

Chaired by Justice Glen Severson. SCA is advisory and voting member.

- Scott Myren, Presiding Judge
- Michelle Percy, Circuit Judge
- Heidi Linngren, Circuit Judge
- Barb McKean, Clerk of Court
- Karl Thoennes, Circuit Administrator
- Shirley Jameson-Fergel, Clerk of the S.D. Supreme Court
- Natalie Damgaard, Circuit Judge
- Greg Sattizahn, State Court Administrator. Member and Advisory
- Chris Giles, Magistrate Judge
- Molly Ramlo, Chief Court Services Officer
- Carol Latuseck, Clerk of Court
- Mary Anne Meyer, Court Reporter
- Heather Covey, Circuit Administrator
- Jerry Hofer, Court Services Officer
- Leo Disburg, Magistrate Judge
- Chris Giles, Magistrate Judge

**Appointment:** Appointed by Chief Justice  
**Term of Appointment:** Four year appointment, subject to reappointment  
**Meetings:** Two times a year minimum and as needed  
**Staff:** SCAO senior staff as needed
Presiding Judges Council

Mission Statement: As per SDCL 16-2-21, the presiding judges have administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the circuit courts, the courts of limited jurisdiction, and clerks and other personnel in the circuit.

Membership: Presiding Judge from each circuit

- 1st Circuit - Steven Jensen, Chair
- 2nd Circuit - Larry Long
- 3rd Circuit - Gregory Stoltenburg
- 4th Circuit - Michael Day
- 5th Circuit - Scott Myren
- 6th Circuit - John Brown
- 7th Circuit - Craig Pfeifle

Appointment: Appointed by Chief Justice

Term of Appointment: Determined by Chief Justice

Meetings: Four times a year

Staff: State Court Administrator and senior staff as needed
Clerks Advisory Council

Mission Statement: The mission of the Clerks Advisory group is to provide recommendations on procedural guidelines for clerks of court; identify and solve problems that arise in the performance of clerk functions, improve communications between clerks, presiding judges and administration; and develop a better working relationship with all components of the UJS.

Membership:

1st Circuit  Dorene Winckler (Hutchinson County) and Jody Johnson (Yankton County)
2nd Circuit Suzanne Folk (Minnehaha County) and Brenda Jarrott (Minnehaha County)
3rd Circuit  Marilyn McHenry (Beadle County) and Linda Klosterman (Lake County)
4th Circuit  Karen Teigen (Harding County) and Linda Keszler (Meade County)
5th Circuit  Cindy Marohl (Roberts County) and Marla Zastrow (Brown County)
6th Circuit  Sara Floyd (Lyman County) and Andrea Wade (Mellette County)
7th Circuit  Jackie Moment (Pennington County) and Amber Watkins (Pennington County)

Appointment: Appointed by Presiding Judge

Term of Appointment: As appointed by Presiding Judge

Meetings: Quarterly

Staff: SCAO
Technology Council

Mission Statement: The Technology Council is the Supreme Court’s Advisory Council on technology-related issues. It exists to provide leadership to the Supreme Court, circuit courts, and the State Court Administrator’s Office by (1) conducting a thorough evaluation of all existing and proposed UJS information systems and technical applications; (2) overseeing the development of new systems and applications as needed; and (3) setting priorities for providing technological solutions to the UJS.

Definition: The UJS Technology Council oversees the information technology investment for UJS. Members of the Technology Council are appointed by the Chief Justice. The Council will:

1. Provide strategic leadership for CMS and I/T operations of UJS through the alignment of I/T strategic objectives and activities with UJS business priorities as set by the Supreme Court, PAAC, and the Presiding Judges.

2. Prioritize I/T initiatives and resolve resource allocation issues based on project prioritization.

3. Ensure open communications between the I/T department and the other functional units of UJS so as to promote collaborative planning.

Membership:

Justice Steven Jensen, Chair
Greg Sattizahn, State Court Administrator, Vice-Chair
Patty DeVaney, Circuit Judge
Craig Pfeifle, Circuit Judge
Eric Strawn, Circuit Judge
Eric Johnson, Magistrate Judge
Jenny Hammrich, Circuit Administrator
Elisha Kuhfeld, Clerk of Court
Sara Floyd, Clerk of Court
Ranae Truman, Clerk of Court
Derrick Nedved, Court Services Officer
Chad Clark, Court Services Officer
Kent Grode, I/T Director-advisor

Appointment: Recommended by State Court Administrator and appointed by Chief Justice

Term of Appointment: Open-ended

Meetings: As needed
Staff: SCAO
IT Development Committee (ITDC)

The ITDC membership will consist of representatives from each UJS circuit and include members in below positions. A Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by ITDC members.

Membership:

Judge Robin Houwman, Circuit Judge, 2nd Circuit
Judge Michelle Percy, Circuit Judge, 4th Circuit
Karl Thoennes, Circuit Administrator, 2nd Circuit
Andrea Wade, Clerk of Court, 6th Circuit
Jackie Moment, Deputy Clerk, 7th Circuit
Carol Latuseck, Clerk of Court, 4th Circuit
Charles Frieberg, Chief Court Services Officer, 1st Circuit
Carrie Hinrichs, Court Services Officer, 5th Circuit
Christina Althoff, Court Services, 3rd Circuit
John Kayser, IT Development Manager, SCAO

Appointment: Appointed by the State Court Administrator.

Term of Appointment: Not to exceed 3 years.
Chief Court Services Officers

Mission Statement: The mission of the Chief Court Services Officers group is to provide leadership, counsel and management to the court services staff to ensure quality service by utilizing the best probation practices, while serving the Supreme Court, circuit courts, clients, victims and communities of the state of South Dakota.

Membership:
- 1st Circuit     Ron Freeman
- 2nd Circuit     Chad Clark
- 3rd Circuit     Molly Ramlo
- 4th Circuit     Derrick Nedved
- 5th Circuit     Garrett Ortmeier
- 6th Circuit     Le Ann Birkeland
- 7th Circuit     Jeff Norris

Appointment: Chief Court Services Officer from each circuit

Term of Appointment: Determined by Presiding Judge

Meetings: Four times a year and as needed

Staff: Director of Trial Court Services
**Circuit Administrators**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the circuit administrators group is to provide ongoing leadership and management of all non-judicial functions of the circuit court and to make recommendations to the State Court Administrator’s Office and Presiding Judges Council regarding circuit court policies and procedures.

**Membership:** Administrator from each circuit

1st Circuit    Kim Allison  
2nd Circuit    Karl Thoennes  
3rd Circuit    Jenny Hammrich  
4th Circuit    Shawn Sorenson  
5th Circuit    Susan Compaan, Chair  
6th Circuit    Heather Covey  
7th Circuit    Kristi Erdman  

**Appointment:** Appointed by Presiding Judge

**Term of Appointment:** Determined by Presiding Judge. Two-year term for chairperson.

**Meetings:** Four times a year minimum and as needed

**Staff:** SCAO
Behavioral Health Advisory Council

Mission: The purpose of the Advisory Council shall be to guide the Division of Behavioral Health with the planning, coordination and development of the state comprehensive behavioral health services plan. The Advisory Council shall advocate on behalf of persons served to ensure their highest attainable degree of independence, productivity, community integration and quality of services. The Advisory Council will also advise the Division of Behavioral Health on statewide treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation needs within the current behavioral health system.

Membership & Appointment: Members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Advisory Council members shall be residents of the state with consideration for reasonable geographic representation from the entire state. Recommendations for filling vacancies shall be made from the Advisory Council.

Membership:

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz
Ann Larsen
Bernie Grimme
Lorraine Polak
Charles Frieberg
Dianna Marshall
Susan Komder
Belinda Nelson
Susan Sandgren
Sheila Weber
Lois Knoke
Joyce Glynn
Tiffany Wolfgang

Roseann Peterson-Olson
LeLewis Gipp
Ellen Washenberger
Daniele Dosch
Phyllis Arends
Kori Kromminga
Jane York
Jayne Parsons
Katherine Jaeger
Kristi Bunkers
Christy Altena-Osmera
Emily Williams

Term of Appointment: Three years

Meetings: Quarterly

Staff: Department of Social Services
Board of Bar Examiners

**Mission:** The Board of Bar Examiners shall be charged with the duty of administering the requirements for admission to practice law and shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter, which shall become effective upon approval by the Supreme Court.

**Membership:** The Board of Bar Examiners shall consist of five members of the State Bar appointed by the Supreme Court. The court shall designate a chairman and the Clerk of the Supreme Court or an officer of the court so designated shall be the ex officio secretary of the board. No member shall be affiliated with a law school or engaged directly or indirectly in the preparation of applicants to practice law. SDCL 16-16-3.

Susan M. Sabers, Chair  
Larry Von Wald  
Neil Fulton  
Jack H. Hieb  
Jane Wipf Pfeifle

**Appointment:** Supreme Court

**Term of Appointment:** Three years

**Meetings:** As needed

**Staff:** Chief of Legal Research
Board of Internal Control

Purpose: The board shall establish and maintain: 1. Guidelines for an effective system of internal control to be implemented by state agencies that is in accordance with internal control standards; 2. A code of conduct for use by state agencies; 3. A conflict of interest policy for use by state agencies. The board shall create an annual work plan and report to be presented to both the Governor and to the Government Operations and Audit Committee.

Membership:

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Appointment: The board shall consist of seven members. Three members shall represent state agencies and shall be appointed by the Governor. The remaining members shall be the commissioner of the bureau of finance and management, state auditor, Board of Regents administrator’s designee, and a member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Any four of seven members shall constitute a quorum. The commissioner of the bureau of finance and management shall be chair of the board.

Term of Appointment: Members appointed by the Governor will serve three year terms. However, the initial appointments shall be for staggered terms.

Meetings: The board shall meet monthly for the first twelve months, and shall meet at least quarterly thereafter. A record of the proceedings of the board shall be kept in accordance with SDCL 1-25-3. The Bureau of Finance and Management shall provide administrative support to the board.
Board of Pardons & Paroles

**Purpose:** The Board of Pardons and Paroles is a nine-member appointed board charged with the authority to make decisions of parole, the revocation of parole, and parole policy and procedure. SDCL 24-13-2.

**Membership:**

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<td>Charles Schroyer</td>
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**Appointment:** Three appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Attorney General, and three appointed by the South Dakota Supreme Court.

**Term of Appointment:** Four years

**Meetings:** At least once every three months in a public forum.

**Staff:** The Board of Pardons and Paroles is administered under the jurisdiction and direction of the Department of Corrections, but retains quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, advisory and other non-administrative functions independent of the Department of Corrections.
Child Support Referees

**Mission:** The Referees conduct hearings with the parents to determine a parent’s child support obligation; their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Recommendations are submitted to the court for consideration.

**Membership:**

- Thomas Keller, Sioux Falls
- Marcene Smith, De Smet
- Timothy Dougherty, Sioux Falls
- Forrest Allred, Aberdeen
- Thomas Lee, Pierre
- Ronda Miller, Belle Fourche
- Lee Ann Pierce, Brookings
- Jan Olson, Sioux Falls
- Randolph Stiles, Mitchell
- Terri Williams, Rapid City

**Term of Appointment:** As per contract

**Meetings:** Quarterly

**Staff:** SCAO Legal Counsel, Staff Attorney
Commission on Equal Access to Our Courts

**Mission:** The Commission on Equal Access to Our Courts shall provide grants to nonprofit entities that are funded, or nonprofit entities contracting with nonprofit entities that are funded by the Legal Services Corporation, and deliver legal services to persons meeting income eligibility guidelines.

**Membership:**
- Circuit Judge John L. Brown
- Greg Sattizahn
- Cheryl Rogers
- Lynn Hammerstrom
- Michelle Glodt
- Tom Welk
- Tom Fritz

**Appointing Authority:**
- Chief Justice
- Chief Justice
- Governor
- Governor
- Governor
- State Bar
- State Bar

**Appointment:** Two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, two members appointed by the president of the State Bar of South Dakota, and three members appointed by the Governor.

**Term of Appointment:** Staggered terms initially. Thereafter, each appointment shall be for a term of three years, beginning on the first day of July.
Corrections Commission

**Mission:** Assist the Department of Corrections in examining criminal justice issues, developing initiatives to address problems in corrections and the criminal justice system, and annually report on its activities to the Legislature, Governor, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

**Membership:**

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**Appointment:** (1) Three members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint: one member from a list of three nominees provided by the Industry and Commerce Association of South Dakota; one member from a list of three nominees provided by the South Dakota Retailers Association; and one member representing labor; (2) Two senators, one from each political party, appointed by the respective political party caucus leader; (3) Two representatives, one from each political party, appointed by the respective political party caucus leader; and (4) Two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

**Term of Appointment:** At the pleasure of the appointing authority

**Meetings:** At least two times each year at the call of the Secretary of the Department of Corrections or the chair of the commission.
Council of Juvenile Services

**Mission:** The Council of Juvenile Services shall be responsible for the following:

1. In conjunction with the secretary of the Department of Corrections, establish policy on how the formula grants program of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act is to be administered in South Dakota;

2. Approve the state plan, and any modifications thereto, required by 223(a) of the Act prior to submission to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention;

3. Submit annual recommendations to the Governor and Legislature concerning the functions of the Council of Juvenile Services and the status of the state's compliance with the Act;

4. Approve or disapprove grant applications and other funding requests submitted to the Department of Corrections under §§ 1-15-27 to 1-15-31, inclusive, and assist with monitoring grants and other fund awards;

5. Assist the Department of Corrections in monitoring the state's compliance with the Act;

6. Study the coordination of the various juvenile intervention, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs;

7. Study effective juvenile sentencing, adjudication, and diversion policies and provisions;

8. Make a special study of, and make an annual report to the Governor, the Unified Judicial System, and the Legislature by June thirtieth of each year concerning, the appropriate administration of and provision for children in need of supervision in this state;

9. Contact and seek regular input from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system; and

10. Perform other such activities as determined by the Governor, the secretary of the Department of Corrections, or the Council of Juvenile Services.

**Membership:**

Carol Twedt, Chair  
Keegan Binegar  
Aaron McGowan  
Taniah Apple  
Lyndon Overweg  
Dadra Avery  
Mike Leidholdt  
Sara McGregor-Okroi  
Austin Biers  
Renee Gallagher  
Charles Friberg  
Elizabeth O'Toole  
Kristi Bunkers  
Betty Oldenkamp  
Kim J. Cournoyer  
Keith Bonenberger  
Judge Steven Jensen  
Miskoo Petite  
Virgena Wieseler  
Vanessa Merhib

**Appointment:** by the Governor  
**Term of Appointment:** 3 year term
Court Appointed Special Advocates Commission

**Mission:** To make awards through the grant program and to perform related functions as provided in this Act. The commission is administered and staffed by the UJS and consists of five residents of the state. SDCL 23-3-52.

**Membership:**

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<td>Judge Patrick Smith</td>
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**Advisory:** UJS Court Improvement Program Coordinator, Sara Kelly

**Appointment:** Governor appoints one member with experience in the duties of investigation of child abuse and neglect, one member who is a current or former SD legislator, and one member who has experience in issues of child abuse and neglect in a tribal setting. Chief Justice appoints one member who has a background in judiciary or legal services with experience and knowledge in abuse and neglect court proceedings and one member who has experience with providing treatment services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

**Term of Appointment:** Three years

**Meetings:** As necessary to carry out its functions

**Staff:** SCAO
Court Improvement Program Committee

**Mission:** The committee assists in establishing goals and strategic planning related to child abuse and neglect in conjunction with the court improvement grants.

**Membership:**
- Presiding Judge Scott Myren, Chair
- Judge Michelle Percy
- Susan Compaan, Circuit Administrator
- Hon. Bobbi Rank, Circuit Court Judge
- Roxie Erickson, Pennington Co. Deputy State’s Attorney
- Virgena Wieseler, DSS Child Protection Office
- Vicki Burger, DSS Child Protection Office
- Dr. Becky Guffin, Superintendent
- Kate Kelley, CASA Program
- Captain Corey Brubakken, Law Enforcement Representative
- Raquel Franklin, ICWA Office
- Representative Timothy Johns
- Lisa Fleming, DSS Child Protection Office
- Carrie Sanderson, Center for Prevention of Child Maltreatment

**Appointment:** by the Chief Justice

**Term of Appointment:** 3 years

**Meetings:** As needed

**Staff:** SCAO
Court Reporter Committee

Mission: Created in 2007, the committee’s goal is to explore innovative ways to provide court reporting services and best recruit and retain qualified court reporters.

Membership:

Presiding Judge Michael Day, Chair
John Pekas, Circuit Judge
Cynthia Weichmann, Court Reporter
Mary Anne Meyer, Court Reporter
Carla Bachand, Court Reporter
Karl Thoennes, Circuit Administrator
Susan Compaan, Circuit Administrator
Melissa Neville, Attorney

Appointment: Chief Justice

Term of Appointment: 4 years

Meetings: As needed

Staff: Human Resources Director
Crime Victim’s Compensation Commission

Mission: The commission shall:
(1) Hear and determine claims for compensation as provided in § 23A-28B-3;
(2) Promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, governing conduct of hearings before the commission;
(3) Assist the department in publicizing the availability of and procedures for obtaining compensation pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; and
(4) Assist the department in developing, implementing and evaluating effective crime victim compensation policies and procedures.

Membership: Five residents of the state, three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the senate as follows:

(1) One member shall be a law enforcement officer with a minimum of five years experience in a law enforcement agency which has among its primary duties the investigation of violent crimes;
(2) One member shall be a physician or a person who, in the opinion of the Governor, has experience or knowledge in the processing and evaluation of medical claims; and
(3) One member shall be a person with experience in providing victim assistance services, either through employment with a governmental agency which provides such services or as an officer, employee, or volunteer of a nonprofit, charitable crime victims’ organization established pursuant to the laws of this state.

One member of the commission shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. One member of the commission shall be appointed by the Attorney General.

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Appointment: Three members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the Chief Justice and one member appointed by the Attorney General.

Term of Appointment: Three years
Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of South Dakota

**Mission:** To investigate written complaints regarding a lawyer who has acted improperly or unethically. The Disciplinary Board sends a copy of the complaint to the lawyer and requires the lawyer to respond within a specified time period. When the response is received, the Board conducts a further investigation to determine whether the lawyer's conduct has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Membership:**

Jennifer Trucano  
Terry G. Westergaard  
Julie Dvorak  
Robert E. Hayes  
Christina L. Klinger  
William Garry  
Steve Willard (lay member)  
Robert Frieberg, Counsel  
Laurence Zastrow, Deputy Counsel  
Thomas C. Barnett, Jr., Board Secretary

**Appointment:** Six appointed by State Bar and a lay member appointed by Chief Justice

**Term of Appointment:** One term of 5 years only.

**Meetings:** Four times a year and at Bar Convention and prior to the Judicial Conference
Discipline Review Board

**Mission:** To provide a neutral forum in which an employee may seek review of a decision that demotes, suspends, or terminates that employee for cause, or for a decision that may place an employee in risk of harm. Created by the Supreme Court in March 1996, with adoption of UJS Personnel Rule 8.1.

**Membership:** Circuit judge, circuit administrator and a non-supervisory employee, no two from the same circuit.

- Circuit Judge Mark Barnett, Chair
- Kristi Erdman, Circuit Administrator
- Jason Schneider, Court Services Officer

**Alternates:**
- Michael Day, Presiding Judge
- Susan Compaan, Circuit Administrator
- Lori Antonsen, Deputy Clerk of Court

**Appointment:** Chief Justice

**Term of Appointment:** Four years

**Meetings:** As needed

**Staff:** SCAO
Drug Court Advisory Council

**Mission:** The mission of the Drug Court Advisory group is to provide recommendations on procedural guidelines for the drug courts; identify and solve problems that arise in the performance of drug court functions, improved communications between drug court staff, presiding judges and administration; and develop a better working relationship with all components of the UJS and with affiliated agencies and offices outside the UJS.

The Drug Court Liaison position was developed through start-up funding provided during the 2012 legislative session.

**Appointment:**

Membership is comprised of one member from the Executive Branch, to be appointed by the Governor; the Secretary of the Department of Corrections or their designee; two members from the Legislative branch, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one by the President Pro Tempore; and one States Attorney appointed by the President of the States Attorney Association.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints members to the Council from the following entities: the Director of the Trial Court Services office, one statewide treatment provider, one Drug Court Judge, one DUI Court Judge, one Court Services Officer, and one defense attorney in a drug court.

The Chief Justice or his designee serves as Chair. The Chair only votes if there is a tie. The DUI/Drug Court Liaison is ex-officio and does not vote.

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**Term of Appointment:** Varies

**Staff:** SCAO
Fine and Bond Committee

**Mission:** Review and update the Fine and Bond Schedule

**Membership:**

- Circuit Judge Michelle Comer, Chair
- Circuit Judge Carmen Means
- Magistrate Judge Abigail Howard
- Suzanne Starr, Legal Counsel

**Appointment:** Chief Justice

**Term of Appointment:** 2 years

**Meetings:** One meeting per year in early spring

**Staff:** SCAO Legal Counsel
Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision State Council

**Mission:** The Council shall fulfill the duties outlined in the Act to authorize South Dakota to participate in the Revised Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. This Act applies to parolees who are governed through Executive Branch functions and probationers who are governed through Judicial Branch functions, and the duties and tasks associated with the interstate transfer of these offenders have been historically and will continue to be shared between the Executive and Judicial branches of South Dakota State government.

**Membership:** Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles for the State of South Dakota shall be South Dakota’s Compact Administrator and a member of the State Council. Other members of the State Council are as follows: the Director of Trial Court Services, a circuit judge, a state legislator, the Secretary of Corrections, a representative of a victims’ group, and a state or local law enforcement officer.

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**Appointment:** The Director of Trial Court Services, appointed by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court; a Circuit Judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the
State Supreme Court; a State Legislator appointed by the South Dakota Legislature’s Executive Board; the Secretary of Corrections, appointed by the Governor; a representative of a victims’ group appointed by the S.D. Attorney General; and a state or local law enforcement officer appointed by the S.D. Attorney General.

**Term of Appointment:** The individuals appointed to the positions of Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Director of Trial Court Services, and the Secretary of Corrections shall be continuous members of the State council for the term that they are appointed to these positions.

Other members of the council shall serve terms of three years. Members are eligible for reappointment. Each member shall serve until their successor takes office, and, in the case of a vacancy, either at the end of three years or an interim vacancy, the appointing power shall make a subsequent three-year appointment.

**Meetings:** at least twice a year
**JDAI Statewide Steering Committee**

**Mission:** The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Statewide Steering Committee’s goal is to continue to support current JDAI efforts in Minnehaha County and Pennington County and to begin the implementation process of JDAI through the rest of the state of South Dakota effectively and appropriately.

**Members:**

Presiding Judge Scott Myren, UJS, co-chair
Cindy Heiberger, Minnehaha County Commissioner, co-chair
Kristi Bunkers, Department of Corrections
Rachel Kippley, Brown County Commissioner
Sheriff Mark Milbrandt, Brown County Sheriff
Sergeant David Osterquist, Sioux Falls Police Department
Ross Wright, State’s Attorney’s Office
Sarah Morrison, State’s Attorney’s Office
Virgena Wieseler, Department of Social Services
Angel Runnels, Public Defender’s Office
Judd Thompson, UJS
Jessica Miller, UJS
Kent Alibert, Sioux Falls School District
Katie Bray, Rapid City School District
Judge Karen Jeffries, Tribal Judge
John Bentley, US Probation
Chief Deputy Brian Mueller, Pennington County Sheriff’s Office
Chad Seidel, Hughes County Juvenile Services Center
Terry Dosch, SD Council of Mental Health Centers & SD Council of Substance Abuse Directors
Rep. Julie Bartling, District 21
Rep. Tim Johns, District 31
Betty Oldenkamp, Lutheran Social Services
Dr. Tom Stanage, Lewis & Clark Behavioral
Carole Cochran, Kids Count
Carol Muller, Human Services Director

**Ex officio**

Charles Frieberg, UJS
Don Holloway, Pennington County Commissioner
Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County Commissioner’s Office
Stephanie Vetter, JDAI Management Team, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Erin Srstka, Minnehaha County JDAI Coordinator
Angie Collignon, UJS

**Alternate**

Tamie McMeekin, UJS

**Appointment:** by the Chief Justice
**Judges’ Association**

**Membership:** All justices, circuit judges and magistrate judges are members of the Judges Association.

Judge Doug Hoffman, President
Circuit Court Judge Bradley Zell, President-Elect
Circuit Court Judge Patricia DeVaney, Secretary-Treasurer

**Appointment:**

**Term of Appointment:**

**Meetings:** Four times a year and at Bar Convention and prior to the Judicial Conference
Judicial-Bar Liaison Committee

Mission: To improve communication and relations between the bench and bar. Organizational meeting Dec. 14, 1998.

Membership:

Thomas Frankman, Sioux Falls, Chair  Chief Justice David Gilbertson
Justice Glen Severson, Sioux Falls  Greg Eiesland, Rapid City
Justice Janine M. Kern, Rapid City  Anthony Hohn, Sioux Falls
Judge Carmen Means, Watertown  Judge Heidi Linngren, Rapid City
Judge Patrick Smith, Mitchell  Jane Wipf Pfeifle, Rapid City
James A. Power, Sioux Falls  Mark J. Arndt, Sioux Falls
Marya V. Tellinghuisen, Rapid City  William C. Garry, Sioux Falls
Thomas J. Nicholson, Sioux Falls  Gary D. Jensen, Rapid City
Craig A. Kennedy, Yankton  Stacy Johnson, Aberdeen
David E. Lust, Rapid City  Elizabeth Overmoe, Pierre Falls
Renee Christensen, Sioux Falls  Roy A. Wise, Aberdeen
Ann F. Mines-Bailey, Pierre  Lonnie Braun, Rapid City
Robert B. Anderson, Pierre  Brian L. Radke, Sioux Falls

Appointment:  Chief Justice or State Bar President

Term of Appointment:

Meetings: Four times a year and at Bar Convention and prior to the Judicial Conference
Judicial Ethics Committee – State Bar

**Mission:** Opinions as to the propriety of any act or conduct and the construction or application of any canon shall be provided by the committee upon request from any justice, judge or magistrate, except as to matters relating to judicial campaigns which shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Special Committee created in Rule 30. If the committee finds the question of limited significance, it shall provide an informal opinion to the questioner. If, however, it finds the questions of sufficient general interest and importance, it shall render a formal opinion, in which event it shall cause the opinion to be published in complete or synopsis form with the names of the persons involved excised. Likewise, the committee may issue formal opinions on its own motion under such circumstances as it finds appropriate. All opinions shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Committee. If a majority vote cannot be obtained, no opinion shall be issued.

Both formal and informal opinions shall be advisory only; however, the Commission and the Supreme Court shall consider reliance by a justice, judge or magistrate upon the ethics committee opinion. Ch. 16-2.

**Membership:** Two circuit court judges and one magistrate judge. A chairperson shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the ethics committee. Ch. 16-2.

- Circuit Judge Tony Portra, Chair
- Circuit Judge Cheryle Gering
- Magistrate Judge Scott Bogue

**Appointment:** Selected at the annual judges association meeting.

**Term of Appointment:** Three years.

**Meetings:** As needed
Judicial Qualifications Commission

**Mission:** The purpose of the commission is to investigate and hold hearings on complaints against a justice or judge and censure, remove or retire a justice or judge if warranted. Also present nominations to the Governor for all judicial vacancies. SDCL 16-1A-2.

**Membership:**

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**Appointment:** (1) Two judges of the circuit court, elected by the judicial conference; (2) three members of the bar practicing law in this state, no more than two of whom may be of the same political party, appointed by majority vote of the state bar commissioners; and (3) two citizens who are not of the same political party, appointed by the Governor.

**Term of Appointment:** Four years. Not more than two terms.

**Meetings:** Quarterly
Judicial Training Committee

Mission: Created in 1981 to guide the in-state training programs for judges.

Membership:

Judge Robin Houwman, Chair
Judge Craig Pfeifle
Judge Mark Barnett
Judge Doug Hoffman
Judge Richard Sommers
Judge Cheryle Gering
Judge Gordon Swanson
Judge Natalie Damgaard
Marya Tellinghuisen
Dawn Aman-Elshere

Appointment: Chief Justice

Term of Appointment: Ongoing

Meetings: As needed

Staff: SCAO Judicial Branch Educator
Legal Services Committee, State Bar

Mission:

Membership:

Thomas Fritz, Co-Chair, Rapid City
Thomas Welk, Co-Chair, Sioux Falls
Chris Hutton, Vermillion
Judge Robin Houwman, Sioux Falls (appointed by Chief Justice)
Bob L. Morris, Belle Fourche
Robert Riter, Pierre
Eric C. Schulte, Sioux Falls
Richard L. Travis, Sioux Falls
Robert Hayes, Sioux Falls
Kimberly Dorsett, Aberdeen
Roxanne Giedd, Pierre
J. Crisman Palmer, Rapid City
Murl L. Woods, Rapid City

Ex-Officio:
Douglas P. Cummings, Sioux Falls
Patrick W. Donovan, Mission
Cheryl Rogers, Rapid City
Thomas C. Barnett, Jr., Pierre
Patrick Goetzinger, Rapid City
Tom Nicholson, Sioux Falls

Appointment:

Term of Appointment: Until member resigns or an individual is elected.

Meetings:
Mental Health Oversight Council (HB 1183)

**Mission:** Responsible for monitoring and reporting performance and outcome measures related to changes in the criminal justice system and how it responds to individuals suffering from mental illness. The Task Force will consist of 14 members appointed by the Governor, Chief Justice, Legislators and the Attorney General.

**Membership:**

A.J. Franken, Gov.
Sheriff Mike Milstead, Gov.
Amy Iverson-Pollreisz, Gov.
Terry Dosch, Gov.
Greg Sattizahn, CJ
Hon. Carmen Means, CJ
Cindy Heiberg, CJ
Mike Miller, CJ
Sen. Alan Solano
Sen. Reynold Nesiba
Rep. Dan Ahlers
Rep. Leslie Heinemann
Dr. Thomas Stanage, AG
Chris White, AG
Response Grid Oversight Committee (SB70)

**Mission:** To consider recommendations to the graduated response grid and make such changes as the committee determines appropriate by majority vote.

**Membership:**

Judge Heidi Linngren (Chair)
Judge Eric Strawn
Jon Brozik
Kevin Krull, Meade County State’s Attorney
Matthew Pike, Lawrence County Public Defender’s Office
Rebecca Altman
Jill Nihart
Chad Clark
Jeff Norris
Charles Frieberg

**Appointment:** by the Chief Justice

**Terms of Appointment:** Until member resigns or an individual is elected.

**Meetings:** Annually

**Staff:** UJS
SB70 Public Safety Oversight Council

**Mission:** The SB70 Oversight Council was created by SDCL 16-22-21 and its purpose is to monitor and review the implementation of the various components of SB70.

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**Terms of Appointment:** Until member resigns or an individual is elected.

**Meetings:** Call of the Chair

**Staff:** UJS
SB73 Juvenile Justice Oversight Council

Mission: The SB73 Oversight Council was created by the Legislature during the 2015 session and its purpose is to monitor and review the implementation of the various components of SB 73.

Membership:

Appointed by:

- Greg Sattizahn (Chair) Chief Justice
- Justice Janine Kern Chief Justice
- Judge Scott Myren Chief Justice
- Judge Steven Jensen Chief Justice
- Kelly Glodt Chief Justice
- Andrew Robertson Chief Justice
- Kelly Marnette Attorney General
- Kristi Bunkers Governor
- Bryan Harberts Governor
- A.J. Franken Governor
- Charles Frieberg Governor
- Amy Iversen-Pollreisz Governor
- Sarah Morrison Governor
- Steve Emery Governor
- Sen. Alan Solano Legislative
- Rep. Julie Bartling Legislative
- Sen. Billie Sutton Legislative
- Rep. Kevin Jensen Legislative
- Sen. Matt Kinney Legislative
- Neil Von Eschen Legislative

Terms of Appointment: Until member resigns or an individual is elected.

Meetings: Call of the Chair

Staff: UJS
Self-Represented Litigant/Pro Se Litigation Committee

**Mission:** The mission of the Pro Se Committee, appointed by the Chief Justice, is to provide leadership regarding Pro Se Litigation and necessary Pro Se forms, and to advise the Supreme Court on major administrative and procedural matters pertaining to Pro Se litigation.

**Membership:**

- Circuit Judge Michelle Palmer-Percy, Chair
- Circuit Judge Chris Giles
- Circuit Judge Heidi Linngren
- Circuit Judge Matthew Brown
- Circuit Administrator Kim Allison
- Angelia Gries, Minnehaha County Clerk of Court
- Barb Zeller, Codington County Deputy Clerk
- Cheryl Rogers, Director of Access to Justice (Advisory Member)

**Appointment:** Chief Justice

**Terms of Appointment:** 4 years

**Meetings:** Two times a year minimum and as needed

**Staff:** Staffed by SCAO
South Dakota Council for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ)

**Mission:** The Interstate Commission for Juveniles, the governing body of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, through means of joint and cooperative action among the compacting states, preserves child welfare and promotes public safety interests of citizens, including victims of juvenile offenders, by providing enhanced accountability, enforcement, visibility, and communication in the return of juveniles who have left their state of residence without permission and in the cooperative supervision of delinquent juveniles who travel or relocate across state lines.

**Membership:** The Unified Judicial System Director of Trial Court Services shall be South Dakota’s Compact Administrator and Commissioner, and a member of the State Council. Other members of the State Council are as follows: Deputy Compact Administrator, a circuit judge, a SD Department of Social Services ICPC representative, a state legislator, the Secretary of Corrections, Director of DOC Juvenile Services, a director of a regional juvenile detention center, a representative of a victims’ group, and a state or local law enforcement officer.

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**Appointment:** The Director of Trial Court Services, appointed by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court; Deputy Compact Administrator, appointed by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court; a Circuit Judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court; a State Legislator appointed by the South Dakota Legislature’s Executive Board; the Secretary of Corrections, appointed by the Governor; a representative of a victims’ group appointed by the Governor; a state or local law enforcement officer appointed by the Governor; a director of a regional juvenile detention center appointed by the Governor; Director of a Juvenile Services, appointed by the Governor; and a DSS ICPC representative appointed by the Governor.

**Term of Appointment:** The Legislative, Law Enforcement, Victim, and Juvenile Detention Center representative positions are three-year appointments. All others are appointed for the term they serve in their respective state positions.

Members are eligible for reappointment. Each member shall serve until their successor takes office, and, in the case of a vacancy, either at the end of three years or an interim vacancy, the appointing power shall make a subsequent three-year appointment.

**Meetings:** at least twice a year
South Dakota Retirement Board

Mission: On July 1, 1974, South Dakota’s 7 public retirement plans joined into a unified system controlled by an elected board and managed by one administrator. South Dakota had created one of the first consolidated multiple-employer public retirement systems in the nation.

Membership:

Myron Johnson
Represents County Commissioners
Laurie Gill
Represents Elected Municipal Officials

Justice Steven Zinter, Chair
Represents Judicial Members
James Appl
Represents Teachers

Penny Brunken
Represents Teachers
James Johns
Represents Public Safety Employees

Matt Clark
Represents SD Investment Council
Louise Loban
Represents Board of Regents Employees

Kathy Greeneway
Represents School Boards
Jilena Faith
Represents Classified Employees

Matt Michels
Governor’s Appointee
Kathy “K.J.” Peterson
Represents County Employees

Karl Alberts
Represents Municipal Employees
Eric Stroeder
Represents State Employees

Laurie Gustafson
Represents State Employees
Roy Lindsay
Mayor

James O. Hansen
Represents Retirees
Rob Wylie, Executive Director
S.D. Retirement System

Terms of Appointment: The regular term of office of a trustee is four years. The appointees of the Governor serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The term of the representative of the Investment Council is one year and he is appointed by the Investment Council.

Meetings: A minimum of twice a year.

Staff: Executive Director/Administrator of S.D. Retirement System
Visitation Grant Advisory Group

The Visitation Grant Advisory Group allocates funds received by the Department of Social Services through Part D of Title IV (U.S.C. 651-669). This group was enacted through SB 12 during the 2011 legislative session. It replaces the committee originally entitled Visitation Enforcement Program Implementation Task Force.

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Appointment:

The advisory group is composed of three circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, two members in good standing of the South Dakota Bar Association with experience in the law of domestic relations, custody, and visitation appointed by the Governor, Two at large members appointed by the Governor, and two legislators, one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the president pro temp of the Senate.

The terms of the first advisory group will be staggered as to one, two or three year terms. After that, the term of each appointment is three years. No member may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. The members may elect a chair from among the members.

Meetings: Annually, or as needed

Staff: Department of Social Services