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Dear Advisory Committee Members,

Many thanks to those of you were able to make the call last week. We were pleased so many of you could join us, and we appreciate the chance to hear your thoughts and perspectives on our curriculum and Project strategy. For those of you who were unable to make it, we missed you and have tried to share a high-level recap below.

If any of you have any additional thoughts, we welcome them at any time.

We plan to host another meeting within the next year and hope you can all join us then. Until then, the whole CJP team thanks you for all you do!

Best,

Jared

June 12 CJP Advisory Committee Call Notes

- Highlights from the Past Six Months
 - Since December 2023, CJP staff have participated in the planning and/or faculty at 10 events hosted by partner organizations and judicial institutes.
 - These include a National Judicial College (NJC) webinar on the Fifth National Climate Assessment, the Puerto Rico Judicial Institute's "Second Conference on Justice and Law: Climate Change in Puerto Rico," and thanks to Judge Fogel, a great [webinar](#) with the Berkeley Judicial Institute.
 - More than 200 judges participated in these events, bringing the total number of judges trained by the Project since its inception to more than 2000.
 - We launched our second cohort of the *Judicial Leaders in Climate Science* program with the NJC, with 14 state court judges participating in a 3.5-day training at NJC in Reno, Nevada. These judges reconvened in May for a webinar about how climate science is arising in cases, will have another webinar in July to help them plan to organize their own events in their jurisdictions, and will meet again in person for three days in Woods Hole, Massachusetts in September.
 - The CJP website averaged 1,450 views per month since launching in Spring 2023.
 - We are working on updates to several modules of the Climate Science and Law for Judges Curriculum (on climate litigation, attribution science, and solving the climate problem) and adding new modules including on sea level rise.
 - We just recorded a video that introduces the Project.
 - The Project welcomed our new Director, Helene Krasnoff in January.
- Looking Forward
 - The National Judicial College is currently our primary partner for training state court judges. Through our Judicial Leaders, we are working on events that will be held with state judicial institutes in the fall in MD,

MA, RI, and UT.

- We discussed reimagining the future of our NJC programming. There was support for pursuing intrastate regional trainings for judges based on climate impacts (ex. South Florida and sea level rise).
- It was recommended to work through the “doers” at the state judicial institutes and gain support of the Chief Justices (bottom-up approach) rather than NJC starting with the Chief Justice.
- In addition to NJC, we are reengaging and seeking other partners, such as the Federal Judicial Center, Berkeley Judicial Institute, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- We are expanding the Project internationally with a pilot program for European judges, in partnership with the Bolch Judicial Institute, scheduled for October 8 in The Hague, The Netherlands.
 - Western Europe was chosen in consultation with the funder of the program, but the Committee discussed other possibly international locations (funding permitted). We have also done some work looking into expanding to India, and the National Judicial Academy was noted as the best route if we choose to move forward there.
- Clean Energy Expansion
 - As was explained in the background paper provided in advance of the meeting, we have obtained some funding (and are seeking more) to expand on our climate solutions work to focus more on clean energy technologies and science and how they are arising in the law.
 - The Committee expressed support for this natural progression of our work given the direction of government policies and the overall economic forces with a caution to not making policy recommendations.
 - Like our curriculum to date, this new content too will focus on the basic science and issues with energy technology.
 - Some suggestions for curriculum modules include (1) role of federal/state/local governments; (2) local zoning/building codes; (3) impacts on agricultural land; (4) species impacts, especially birds but also others; (5) carbon dioxide pipelines/carbon capture; (6) natural gas pipelines; and (8) electric transmission lines.
- Criticism of CJP
 - The Committee discussed the attention that CJP has received from Senator Ted Cruz and certain media outlets and others.
 - Two suggestions for validation of our approach were the judges we’ve trained and state judicial education institutions who are providing their own (like CA).
 - The general sentiment was that the Project is responding appropriately to the pushback and should continue its approach.

Best,



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