

## Some Thoughts on Considerations for the Future of our Chambers

### Internal

- Technology-
  - never see each other
  - All communicate by email/ rarely in person
  - Problems of email miscommunication
  - Artificial Intelligence- impact on decision making & the role of law clerks
  - Telecommuting- judges & law clerks
- Clerks
  - here- judges often do not keep regular hours- by choice or other obligations
  - move to permanent clerks- impact on the legal community
  - Do lawyers feel these create clerk decisions without real judge oversight
  - Impact on mentoring if judges are not here
  - Career clerks- impact on diversity
- Facetime
  - Impact psychologically on our collegiality and community with little face time together
  - Impact of location- different buildings or different cities
  - Are break rooms for clerks and judges important
- Federal model
  - Chambers wherever- come together a week a month
  - Where would clerks sit
- Opinion Writing
  - NFP/FP all/ some are citable;
  - different methods for making something an FP
  - use of shorter per curium opinions
  - summary affirmances

### External

- We do much by technology- e-fling but we won't skype hearings and oral arguments w/ lawyers and their clients around the country & world
- Is there some importance in the formality of coming to the court itself and its trappings that make the process seem as important as it is
- What is the impact on cost of requiring the presence?
- Does full opinion writing on all cases matter- does it show every case has received its appropriate consideration
- What is the importance of meeting the needs of our litigants and attorneys?
- Is traveling oral arguments worth the time and cost

- Impact of blogging about our opinions, the process, judges, ...
- Use of social media

### Relationships with the Bar

- As we become less connected to our colleagues we become more connected to the Bar through activities with them
- What is the impact of this new relationship – did the distance provide mystery that we were special or does familiarity breed contempt
- Does that relationship affect the pedestal we used to stand on

### Technology problems

- Should we be concerned about, spyware, ransomware, hacking
- Could internal communications if hacked provide someone with advance notice of what we do
- Is our internal communications regarding cases reachable by FOIA requests
- How much of our emails are subject to FOIA requests
- Do we take sufficient steps with people using personal equipment for court business to ensure confidentiality
- Do we take steps when someone leaves to ensure all court data has been deleted off personal equipment

### Other problems??

### Solutions??