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TO: Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle
FROM: Sally Holewa *SJK*
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RE: Proposed Amendment to AR 35 – Juvenile Policy Board

The Juvenile Policy Board is proposing that membership of the Board be expanded to specifically include a juvenile court director. The current membership includes one juvenile court officer appointed by the Chief Justice from a list submitted by the Juvenile Court Association. Because the juvenile court directors are no longer members of the Juvenile Court Association, they are no longer eligible to be included on this list. The Board is requesting the expanded membership because it believes it is important to have representation from both the management and the line staff level of juvenile court operations. The change is supported by Louis Hentzen and by the trial court administrators and the juvenile court directors.

The Board is proposing the rule be amended as follows

“Section 3. Membership.

The Juvenile Policy Board shall consist of three district judges appointed by the North Dakota Judges' Association, one district judge and one judicial referee appointed by the Administrative Council, one district judge or supreme court justice appointed by the Chief Justice, and one juvenile court officer appointed by the Chief Justice from a list submitted by the Juvenile Court Association, and one juvenile director appointed by the Chief Justice. Terms of the members shall be for a three-year period and shall be staggered in such a manner to ensure that at least two members shall be up for election or appointment annually. A member may not serve more than three consecutive terms. A former member who served three consecutive terms is eligible for reappointment after a six-year break in service. The Chief Justice may appoint members to fill vacancies which occur for an unexpired term. The membership shall reflect the geographic and population diversities of the state and no more than two judges may be from any one judicial district.”