

**Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee**  
**Minutes of Subcommittee No. 1 meeting**

**May 30, 2007**

Subcommittee 1 met via teleconference from 2 to 3:10 P.M. Attending were James R. Coldren, Jr., Richard D. Schwind and Geoffrey R. Stone. Also in attendance was Peter G. Baroni, Special Counsel.

The minutes of the December 4, 2006, December 11, 2006 and February 7, 2007 subcommittee meetings were approved unanimously.

*1. Third annual report.*

The subcommittee discussed Mr. Schwind's concern that the recommendation on page 16 of the third annual report did not reflect Committee consensus or the deliberations of the annual report subcommittee. Mr. Schwind said that he would raise the issue at the full Committee meeting.

*2. Mandatory recording of homicide interrogations.*

The subcommittee discussed investigating the viability of utilizing advanced technology for recording and memorializing interrogations. Mr. Coldren agreed to seek out a technology expert that might advise the subcommittee.

Mr. Coldren raised the question of whether the mandatory recording of interrogations had resulted less successful motions to suppress. After a discussion, the subcommittee concluded that it would be very difficult to objectively answer the question posed by Mr. Coldren. The subcommittee will discuss the issue with Mr. Olson.

3. *Eyewitness identification procedures.*

Mr. Coldren suggested the subcommittee put together a bibliography of research studies comparing eyewitness identification procedures, especially those completed since the publication of the Illinois pilot study. Mr. Coldren agreed to work with Mr. Baroni to compile that list before the next subcommittee meeting. Geoffrey Stone suggested that the subcommittee prepare a review of those studies in anticipation of the next annual report.

4. *Training of judges, attorneys and police.*

The subcommittee directed Mr. Baroni to distribute all recommendations from Governor Ryan's Commission on Capital Punishment Report relating to training of judges, attorneys and police. The subcommittee agreed to review those recommendations and determine if those recommendations had been implemented. *See* 20 ILCS 3929/2(b)(2)(explicitly mandating the Committee study the "implementation

of training for police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges as recommended by the Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment.”)

5. *Review of February 2007 public hearing transcript.*

Mr. Coldren suggested each subcommittee member review separate portion of the public hearing transcripts to determine if anything brought to light at that hearing should be studied by the subcommittee. The subcommittee agreed to conduct that review. Mr. Schwind will review the transcript from the public hearing held in Springfield, Mr. Coldren will review the first half of the Chicago hearing transcript, and Mr. Stone will review the second half of the Chicago hearing transcript, in preparation for the next subcommittee meeting.

6. *Next meeting – June 29, 2007*

It was agreed that the next subcommittee meeting will be on June 29, 2007 at 10 A.M. at Geoffrey R. Stone's office at the University of Chicago Law School, 1111 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. The subcommittee also agreed that Mr. Olson would be the subcommittee's guest at that meeting.

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June 12, 2007