Dear MJS Council & Members:

Below are some announcements I would like to share with you:

1. The next Council of Chairs meeting will be in Austin on Friday, October 28th. I will attend and provide a report after the meeting.

2. Sample bylaws have been provided by the State Bar: sample 1 and sample 2. The next step is for the Procedure Committee to review the MJS bylaws and the samples provided and make suggested updates. Tracy Nuckols at the State Bar office is available to assist.

3. Judge Ramey Ko is exploring the possibility of developing a new, special program for the MJS to support the State Bar’s Access to Justice initiatives. Anyone who is interested in helping, please let me know and I will put you in contact with Judge Ko.

4. The MJS has budget allocations to continue to co-sponsor the receptions at the TMCEC “judge schools.” I propose that we do so at the top six conferences that have the highest attorney-judge registrations (Austin, San Antonio, Addison, Houston, South Padre and Galveston). We would need someone from the MJS Council to welcome and address attendees at each of these conferences. Please let me know if you approve of this plan, and/or would be willing to volunteer at one of these conferences.

5. MJS Committee assignments still need to be finalized. Several of you have volunteered already, and other section members have stepped forward as well. I need to assign the rest of you to committees. I will be available to assist all committees as needed. Barring any objections or requests to change committees, I suggest the following:

**Legislative and Traffic Committee:**
- Chair - Paul McNulty
- Owen Lokken
- Les Rorick
- Sara Hartin
- Dana Huffman
- Chrissi Gumbert
- Lacy Britten

**Seminar Committee:**
- Chair - David Indorf
- Aaron Kaufman
- Bob Richter
- Cathy Haden

**Procedure Committee:**
- Chair - Kelly Evans
- Robin Smith
- Barbara Hartle
- Charles Corbin
- Ninfa Mares
- Michael Drewry

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you again for your leadership and participation in making our section a success.

Sincerely,

Celeste I. Villarreal
Chair, Municipal Judges Section