

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (cont.)**  
**by Susan Becker, Legislative Chair**

An alternative to passing legislation would be to ask the Chief Justice to consider passing a new directive changing the rate structure. In addition to the legislative change, staff recommends that the JBC ask Judicial to propose a revised fee structure to accommodate not charging for copies.

The State Court Administrator's Office asked for our input. We submitted a proposal to revise Chief Justice Directive 85-10 to reflect a page rate increase of \$2.75 per page for an original transcript only (no copies provided) for state agencies, and \$3.00 per page for an original and 50 cents per page for a copy for non-indigent parties.

The JBC hearing was held November 19. Betsy and I attended the hearing along with Susie DeWitt. At this hearing, the Judicial Department presented its answers to questions raised at the briefing. The Chief Justice addressed the Committee, along with the State Court Administrator, the Public Defender, and Alternate Defense Counsel. As far as the issue of court reporters, the State Court Administrator proposed a revised fee structure of \$2.55 per page for an original and 10 cents per page for a copy (non-indigent transcripts were not addressed). The Public Defender strongly objected to \$2.55 per page.

So that is the current status of what's happening with our page rates. Betsy, Susie and I are doing the necessary "lobbying" of the JBC. We have met with Jerry Marroney and we will be meeting with the JBC Staff Analyst. It is our strong hope that if a revised fee structure is put in place, that it be fair to the official reporters; that if we are forced to take a cut in our copy rates, that we make up for it in an increase for an original; that the non-indigent rates for an original be increased to better reflect the "market," and that the copy rate remain the same; that a modification to CJD 85-10 would obviate the need for legislation.

The Long Bill that includes the Judicial Department's Budget will not be finalized until probably March of 2002. I will keep the membership updated through Ramblings and our web site on this issue. At this time, it is impossible to predict what the Joint Budget Committee will decide. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to E-mail me at [susujb@aol.com](mailto:susujb@aol.com).

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