

**FEDERAL COURT CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
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**January 2010**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ **Vacancy Announcements** - Vacancy announcements will now be posted on the FCCA Listserv to ensure that FCCA members receive the information in a timely manner.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in the Judiciary** - Vacancy announcements for jobs in the judiciary are posted on <http://156.119.80.126/vacancies/>.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PEER GROUPS**

- ◆ **New Advisory Group Members Announced** - Members of the District Clerks Advisory Group (DCAG) beginning in 2010 are: Chair, Dave Maland, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Linda Jacobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit; Jeff Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit; Peter Dalleo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit; Dennis Iavarone, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Tom Gould, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Pam Robinson, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Rob Phelps, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Patrick Duffy, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Mark Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Steve Larimore, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

Members of the Bankruptcy Clerks Advisory Group (BCAG) beginning in 2010 are: Chair, Sean McAvoy, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Alec Leddy, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit; Paul Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit; Timothy McGrath, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit; Tammi Hellwig, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Jeannie Henderson, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Katherine Gullo, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Pamela Sherry, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Jan Ostrovsky, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Grant Price, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit; and Scott Ford, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

If you have issues you would like either DCAG or BCAG to consider, please advise your Circuit Representative or Chair of DCAG or BCAG, as appropriate.

The 2010 meetings of DCAG and BCAG are scheduled for March 23-26, 2010 and October 5-8, 2010.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

- ◆ **2009 Year-End Report on the Federal Judiciary** - Chief Justice Roberts reported on the state of the judiciary at year end 2009. The U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals experienced a decrease in filings. Total case filings in the Supreme Court decreased by 6.1 percent from the 2007 Term to the 2008 Term. Case filings in the Courts of Appeals declined by 6 percent. Civil filings in the U.S. District Courts increased by 3 percent, and criminal case filings increased by 8 percent. The number of criminal cases filed in 2009 was 76,655, which is the highest level since 1932, when the

number of criminal cases was 92,714. The number of defendants increased by 6 percent. The total number of defendants in 2009 was 97,982, which surpassed the record set in 1932 of 92,714 defendants, in the year before the repeal of prohibition. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court saw an increase of 35 percent in bankruptcy petitions filed in 2009. *The Third Branch, Vol. 42, Number 1, January 2010, Special Issue.* <http://www.uscourts.gov/ttb/2010-01/index.cfm>.

## BUDGET

- ◆ **Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Plan Approved** - The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States (Judicial Conference) approved the Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 on January 7, 2010. The final plan increases funding for court allotments by 8.3 percent above fiscal year 2009 obligations and 5.5 percent above fiscal year 2009 allotments. ECI allotments will be transferred on February 8, 2010, based on an enacted level of an average of 2.0 percent. *Memo from James R. Baugher, Approval of Final Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Plan and Issuance of the Balance of Fiscal Year 2010 Allotments, January 19, 2010,* <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6597/ofb406.pdf>.

## CJA PANEL ATTORNEY RATES

- ◆ **Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases** - The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 increased the capital and non-capital rates for CJA Panel Attorneys. The non-capital hourly panel attorney compensation rate increased from \$110 to \$125. The maximum hourly capital rate increased from \$175 to \$178. The new rates apply to work performed on or after January 1, 2010. *Memo from James C. Duff, Implementation of Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases for Criminal Justice Panel Act Attorneys, December 29, 2009,* <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6221/dir9-148.pdf>.

## CM/ECF

- ◆ **Next Generation CM/ECF Architecture Study** - The Architecture Study will document two or more potential application architectures for the Next Generation CM/ECF system. A report will be prepared that discusses the pros and cons, as well as risks and implementation/migration strategies for the potential architectures. The report will be delivered in the summer of 2010. In the meantime, the Architecture Study has established a collaborative site with discussion and collaborative review capabilities. To learn more about the Architecture Study and to make comments, go to <http://archstudy.ao.dcn/default.aspx>. *Memo from Mary M. Stickney, Next Generation CM/ECF Architecture Study, January 14, 2010.*
- ◆ **Temporary Duty Assignments in D.C. to Assist with CM/ECF Projects** - The District Court Administration Division (DCAD) of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) is seeking up to three court employees for a one-year temporary assignment in

Washington, D.C., to work with DCAD's CM/ECF team on several projects. Work will include management and operation support to the District CM/ECF program. Responsibilities will include: evaluating and prioritizing modification requests; addressing routine operational and policy issues; assisting with the District CM/ECF Operational Practices Forum; and assisting with the Next Generation of District CM/ECF efforts. To apply, visit the Court/AO Exchange web site at: [http://ao-psio.usc.ao.dcn:85/court\\_exchange/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=23&Itemid=24](http://ao-psio.usc.ao.dcn:85/court_exchange/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=23&Itemid=24). For more information about the opportunities contact Katie Simon at 202.502.1563 or via e-mail at [Katie Simon/DC/AO/USCOURTS](mailto:Katie.Simon@DC/AO/USCOURTS). *DCAD Monthly Report for January 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6655/Jan2010.pdf>.

## COURT INTERPRETERS

- ◆ **Court Interpreter Regulations Replaced with New Volume in Redesigned Guide** - The new volume incorporates important guidance concerning the procurement and management of contract and staff interpreters and guidance on translation of documents. *DCAD Monthly Report for January 2010*, p.3, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6655/Jan2010.pdf>.
- ◆ **Training Offered for Coordinators of Interpreter Services** - DCAD is offering training for coordinators of interpreter services in Washington, D.C., July 26-28, 2010. The AO will fund the travel costs for two staff members from each court to attend. The AO encourages the court to send an interpreter program administrator and a procurement specialist. Courts may elect to send more staff at the court's expense. Contact Robin Cole for details via e-mail or 202.502.3289 if you have questions. *Memo from Robert Lowney, Announcement of Training for Coordinators of Interpreter Services, January 4, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6594/OCPD232.pdf>.
- ◆ **Increase in Contract Court Interpreters Rates** - Effective February 1, 2010, rates increased for Certified and Professionally Qualified Interpreters to: Full Day \$388; Half Day \$210; and Overtime \$55 per hour or part thereof, and rates increased for Language Skilled (Non-Certified) Interpreters to: Full-Day \$187; Half Day \$103; and Overtime \$32 per hour of part thereof. *Memo from James C. Duff, 2010 Fees for Contract Court Interpreters, January 2, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6586/dir10-001.pdf>.

## DISTRICT CLERKS MANUAL

- ◆ **District Clerks Manual Revised and Relocated** - The District Clerks Manual has been substantially revised and now includes changes to the Federal Rules that became effective December 1, 2009. The Manual also includes hyperlinks to the U.S. Code, the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure and the Guide to Judiciary Policies. FCCA members Robert Barth, Clerk, W.D. PA, and Laura Briggs, Clerk, S.D. IN, undertook the initial re-write of the Manual, and the 2009 DCAG members completed the revisions.

The Manual is now located on the J-Net, as a procedural, not policy, manual. [http://jnet.ao.dcn/District/District\\_Clerks\\_Manual/index.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/District/District_Clerks_Manual/index.html). It is no longer included in the *Guide to Judiciary Policies*. Please contact Lori Rini via e-mail at [Lori\\_Rini@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lori_Rini@ao.uscourts.gov) or at 202.502.1515 if you have questions or comments. *Memo from Robert Lowney, District Clerks Manual, January 15, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6594/OCPD234.pdf>.

## FEDERAL COURT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

- ◆ **Winter Journal Has Been Distributed** - The Winter *FCCA Journal* was mailed out last week and you should have received your copy. If you have not received your copy, please advise Cheryl Sweat at 865.545.4234, ext. 2225 or by e-mail at [cheryl\\_sweat@tned.uscourts.gov](mailto:cheryl_sweat@tned.uscourts.gov).
- ◆ **Spring Journal** - Submissions to the Spring *FCCA Journal* are due April 15, 2010. The Spring Journal is published only on-line on the FCCA website at <http://www.fcca.ws/>. Publication date is June 1, 2010.
- ◆ **Mid-Year Meeting** - The FCCA Board met in Eugene, Oregon, on January 23, 2010, to discuss the business of FCCA. Team Oregon presented its proposed educational agenda which was approved by the Board. Team Oregon also has planned an exciting social agenda which will allow plenty of opportunity for networking and for enjoying the scenic beauty of the area. The conference agenda soon will be posted on the Team Oregon web site. In the meantime, please contact Dawn Stephens, [Dawn\\_Stephens@ord.uscourts.gov](mailto:Dawn_Stephens@ord.uscourts.gov) for information.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE** - The 2010 Annual Conference will be held in Eugene, Oregon, June 27 - July 1, 2010. The Conference site is posted at <http://www.fcca2010oregon.com/> and updates information is also posted on the FCCA home page at <http://www.fcca.ws/>.
- ◆ **Talking Baseball-Part 2...Baseball Fans Wanted to Help Save Lives...Volunteers needed....** - Ed Randall's Bat For The Cure,"Official Charitable Partner of Minor League Baseball", was created by Sirius/XM Radio and WFAN-Radio host and author, Ed Randall, to promote prostate cancer awareness. We are gearing up for the 2010 baseball season and the ERBFTC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Minor League Initiative. FCCA Member Eileen Levine is presently looking for volunteers to attend Minor League Baseball games to help us supervise our tables and to hand out our life-saving materials at "ER Bat For The Cure Prostate Cancer Awareness Nights" at their venues. In 2009, 132 minor league teams opened their homes to us and provided prominent locales in their stadiums for us to distribute these life-saving materials. With your help, we are looking to break last year's records. We have partnered with Minor League Baseball as well as MLB, the NBA and NHL, and minor league basketball and hockey leagues across the country. My complete ERBFTC story will appear in the next *FCCA Journal* due out in June. If interested in

helping to save lives, to volunteer and for more information, please contact Eileen at 212.805.0492 or [eileen\\_levine@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:eileen_levine@nysd.uscourts.gov).

## HAITI

- ◆ **Judicial Conference Provides Information on How to Assist Haitian Relief Effort -** In response to numerous inquiries about assisting the Haitian Relief Effort, the Hon. Charles R. Simpson, III, U.S. District Judge, Chair, International Judicial Relations Committee (IRJC) provided the following information: The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are leading the U.S. response efforts. USAID advised that cash donations are the most effective way to help. Personal donations can be made to USAID through the USAID web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/haiti/>. If a judicial employee is interested in assisting in the relief effort, they should contact [Peggy Irving@as.uscourts.gov](mailto:Peggy_Irving@as.uscourts.gov), [Wanda Rubianes@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Wanda_Rubianes@ao.uscourts.gov) or [Karen Hanchett@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Karen_Hanchett@ao.uscourts.gov). They will compile the information and share it with personnel at USAID and the State Department when appropriate. *Letter from Hon. Charles R. Simpson, III, United States District Judge, Chair, International Judicial Relations Committee, January 28, 2010, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6599/dir10-017.pdf>.*

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- ◆ **2010 Pay Adjustment -** The President signed an Executive Order on December 23, 2009, authorizing an overall average pay adjustment of two percent for federal employees in 2010. The Judicial Conference policy is to implement the pay adjustment authorized by the President. Therefore, bi-weekly court employees will receive the same pay adjustment effective January 4, 2010. *Memo from Patricia J. Fitzgibbons, 2010 Pay Adjustments for Bi-weekly Employees, January 4, 2010, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6656/ohr2010-01.pdf>.*
- ◆ **Additional Information On Pay Adjustments -** See the following web sites for additional information:  
  
[http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human\\_Resources/Pay\\_Tables/2010\\_Pay\\_Tables/2010\\_Pay\\_Adjustment\\_Fact\\_Sheet.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human_Resources/Pay_Tables/2010_Pay_Tables/2010_Pay_Adjustment_Fact_Sheet.html).  
  
[http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human\\_Resources/Pay\\_Tables/2010\\_Pay\\_Tables/2010\\_Significant\\_Changes\\_to\\_Biweekly\\_Employee\\_Salary\\_Payments\\_Fact\\_Sheet.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human_Resources/Pay_Tables/2010_Pay_Tables/2010_Significant_Changes_to_Biweekly_Employee_Salary_Payments_Fact_Sheet.html).  
  
[http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human\\_Resources/Pay\\_Tables/2010\\_Pay\\_Tables.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human_Resources/Pay_Tables/2010_Pay_Tables.html).
- ◆ **Review Your Earnings Statement for Pay Period 2 -** The AO advises that all judiciary employees should carefully review their earnings statement for pay period 2 (January 4

through January 17, 2010) because this is the pay period when many changes go into effect, such as election or changed coverage under the FEHBP, FEDVIP, Health Care Reimbursement, and Dependent Care Reimbursement, etc. *Memo from Patricia J. Fitzgibbons, Salary Changes for Bi-weekly Employees, January 22, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6656/ohr2010-06.pdf>.

- ◆ **Transition from COLA to Locality Pay in Non-Foreign Areas** - The National Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which went into effect on October 28, 2009, phases in locality-based comparability pay for federal employees working in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A report by the AO Human Resources Office explains how the change works. According to the report, in 2010 “the applicable locality pay rate for all employees in the affected areas will be 4.72 percent . . .” For more information, read the report on the J-Net at: [http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human\\_Resources/FAQs\\_and\\_Fact\\_Sheets/Transition\\_from\\_COLA\\_to\\_Locality\\_Pay\\_in\\_Non-Foreign\\_Areas.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Human_Resources/FAQs_and_Fact_Sheets/Transition_from_COLA_to_Locality_Pay_in_Non-Foreign_Areas.html).
  
- ◆ **Individual Retirement Counseling** - The AO Benefits Division, Office of Human Resources, plans to conduct in-person retirement counseling in courts where 15 or more employees will be eligible for full retirement benefits in three years and the employees are interested in individual counseling. Cynthia Roth, Chief of the Benefits Division in the Human Resources Office, said the division initially planned to provide counseling to employees eligible for full retirement in five years. However, the Benefits Division identified over 10,000 biweekly judiciary employees eligible for full retirement benefits within the next five years. Therefore, they considered those biweekly employees eligible to retire in three years with full benefits and narrowed the list to almost 4,300 employees. The Benefits Division has developed a list of court locations eligible for an on-site visit and the phase when a visit will be scheduled in the locations over the next several years. *Memo from Cynthia A. Roth, Individual Retirement Counseling for Employees Eligible To Retire Within Three Years, January 22, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6656/ohr2010-07.pdf>.
  
- ◆ **Reservist Differential** - A new law was enacted effective on March 16, 2009, which requires federal agencies to pay a “reservist differential” to eligible federal civilian employees who are members of the Reserve or National Guard and are called to active duty under certain provisions of the law. The “reservist differential” is the difference between the projected civilian basic pay for a covered pay period and the actual military pay and allowances for the same pay period. On December 8, 2009, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) provided guidance to federal agencies on implementing the law. OPM has asked agencies to begin applying the guidance pending issuance of final regulations. Accordingly, the Advisory Services Branch of the Court Personnel Management Division, Office of Human Resources, will be contacting each court who has a potentially eligible employee currently serving on active duty or who served on active duty at any time after the effective date of the law. Documentation will be gathered that is needed to begin making differential payments, which will be retroactive to March 16, 2009. If you have questions, contact the Advisory Services Branch at

202.502.3180 or via e-mail at [AODB Management Advisory Services/DCA/AO/USCOURTS](mailto:AODB.Management.Advisory.Services/DCA/AO/USCOURTS). You may also visit the OPM web site on the reservist differential at <http://www.opm.gov/reservist>. *Memo from James C. Duff, Reservist Differential, January 20, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6586/dir10-009.pdf>.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ **Ed's Place Revised** - According to the DCAD Monthly Report for January 2010, Ed's Place was revised on September 28, 2009, for easier use: "The revised Web site now features a redesigned layout and dynamic search function that enhances navigation and facilitate [sic] information sharing. The site's new ratings feature allows users to review locally-developed applications and commercial products, and users can also provide comments, report bugs, or request new features directly to the site administrator through a new feedback form." *DCAD Monthly Update for January 2010, p.6*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6655/Jan2010.pdf>.
- ◆ **Converged Services Design and Deployment Strategy** - The Office of Information Technology has issued a document called the *Converged Services Design and Deployment Strategy, Version 5.0*, that provides guidelines for courts concerning the new Data Communications Network (DCN). The document is available on the Infrastructure Management Division website on the J-Net. According to the AO announcement: "The strategy highlights the processes and procedures associated with deploying Internet Protocol based converged services on the DCN - i.e., voice, video, and data traffic sharing a single network - and provides high-level guidance for the planning, design, and deployment of converged services for new and existing court facilities." *Memo from Craig W. Jenkins, Converged Services Design and Deployment Strategy, January 27, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6598/oit004302.pdf>.

## J-NET

- ◆ **Improved Search Feature on J-Net** - The J-Net can now be searched by limiting the date searched. According to the DCAD Monthly Report for January 2010, the J-Net Team created a new search feature to limit search by date: "In the search results, on the right-hand side of the page, above the *Search Elsewhere* box, there is a new option called *Limit By Date*. Users can narrow the search results to the last two weeks, the last two months, the last six months, or the last year." *DCAD Monthly Report for January 2010, p.7*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6655/Jan2010.pdf>.

## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

- ◆ **Guidelines for Standing Orders, Local Rules, and Posting to Courts' Websites** - Guidelines were approved by the Judicial Conference at its meeting on September 15, 2009, to determine when a matter should be handled by a standing order and when it should be handled by a local rule, and when to post information to the courts' website, as required by the E-Government Act. The report and guidelines are posted at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/jc09-2009/2009-09-Appendix-F.pdf>. The guidelines were

prompted by a study of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure which concluded that courts have difficulty determining when to use a standing order and when to use a local rule. According to the guidance: “In general, under these guidelines, standing orders may be appropriate for internal administrative matters, emergency matters, transitory problems and issues, and rules of courtroom conduct that do not bear on substantive rules of practice. Local rules, on the other hand, are more appropriate to address filing, pretrial practice, motion practice, and other requirements imposed on litigants and lawyers.” While courts are encouraged to review their local rules and standing orders in accordance with the guidelines, the guidelines are voluntary. *Memo from James C. Duff, Guidelines for Standing Orders, Local Rules, and Posting to Courts’ Websites, January 19, 2010, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6586/dir10-008.pdf>.*

## JURY INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ **Jurors Should Be Instructed Not to Use Electronic Communication Technologies -** The Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (CACM) endorsed a set of jury instructions to reinforce with jurors their obligation not to consult external sources, including electronic communication technologies to research or communicate about a case. The CACM Committee developed the instructions in response to increasing reports of jurors’ use of electronic devices such as cell phones and computers to research and communicate about a case before them. The suggested instructions refer specifically to the prohibition against using any external source to research or communicate about the case. Proposed model jury instructions are attached to the letter from the Chair of CACM to United States District Court Judges. *Letter from Hon. Julie A. Robinson, U.S. District Judge, Chair, Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, Juror Use of Electronic Communication Technologies, January 28, 2010, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6599/dir10-018.pdf>.*

## MAGISTRATE JUDGES

- ◆ **Report on the Legislative History of the Magistrate Judges System -** The Magistrate Judges Division of the AO has issued a revised and updated edition of *A Guide to the Legislative History of the Federal Magistrate Judges System* and published it on the J-Net. The Division also provided a summary of recent decisions and an article of interest to magistrate judges. *Information Memorandum No. 315, January 13, 2010, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/5309/InfoMemo315.pdf>.*

## MONTHLY UPDATES

- ◆ **DCAD December Update Published -** The DCAD Monthly Update for January 2010 can be found at <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6655/Jan2010.pdf>.
- ◆ **BCAD December Update Published -** The BCAD Monthly Update for January 2010 can be found at <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6590/ocpb1012.pdf>.

## SECURITY

- ◆ **Courthouse Shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada** - Director Duff advised the judiciary of the tragic fatal shooting of Stanley Cooper, a Court Security Officer, and the wounding of a Deputy Marshal at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, on January 4, 2010. He reminded us of the sacrifice and service provided by the CSOs and U.S. Marshals to protect the courts. He expressed condolences and gratitude to the family of Mr. Cooper, who died in the line of duty, and expressed wishes for a speedy recovery to the Deputy Marshal. Director Duff urged judges and court staff to review with their local Marshals Service representative procedures to be followed in the courthouse and outside the courthouse in emergency situations. *Memo from James C. Duff, Courthouse Shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada, January 4, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6586/dir10-002.pdf>.
- ◆ **Memorial Fund for Stanley Cooper** - The employer of Mr. Cooper, AKAL Security, has established a memorial fund. Contributions may be made by writing a check and mailing to the following address: The Stanley Cooper Memorial Fund, AKAL Security, Inc., 7 Infinity Loop, Espanola, NM 87532. All donations will be forwarded to the family. *Memo from James C. Duff, Memorial Fund for Stanley Cooper, January 12, 2010*, [http://jnet.ao.dcn/Memos/2010\\_Archive/Dir10995.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Memos/2010_Archive/Dir10995.html).

## TRAVEL

- ◆ **New Mileage Rates Effective January 1, 2010** - The General Services Administration (GSA) announced a decrease in mileage rates for privately-owned vehicles and motorcycles. The new rates for automobiles are \$0.50 per mile. The new rates for motorcycles are \$0.47 per mile. The mileage rates for privately-owned airplanes has increased to \$1.29 per mile. Mileage rates for previous years can be obtained at [http://jnet.ao.dcn/Travel/Mileage\\_Rates.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Travel/Mileage_Rates.html). *Memo from James C. Duff, New Mileage Rates Effective January 1, 2010, January 6, 2010*, <http://jnet.ao.dcn/img/assets/6586/dir10-003.pdf>.