1	BEFORE THE STATE OF ALABAMA
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14	THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING was held before
15	the Honorable Tom Parker, Chair, taken by Jeana S.
16	Boggs, Certified Court Reporter and Commissioner
17	for the State of Alabama at Large, at the offices
18	of the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, 300 Dexter
19	Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, commencing at 10:00
20	a.m., Thursday, January 9th, 2020.
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1	APPEARANCES:
2	COMMISSION MEMBERS:
3	CHIEF JUSTICE TOM PARKER, CHAIR
4	HONORABLE LEE CARTER
5	HONORABLE ZACK COLLINS
6	MR. CLAY CRENSHAW
7	HONORABLE CLYDE JONES
8	HONORABLE MICHAEL NEWELL
9	THE HONORABLE WILL PARKER
10	HONORABLE JAMES REID
11	MR. HAROLD STEPHENS
12	HONORABLE EUGENE VERIN
13	ALSO PRESENT:
14	MR. RICH HOBSON
15	MR. BEN DUPRÉ
16	MS. CARY MCMILLAN
17	MR. MICHAEL GREGORY
18	MR. TODD RUSSELL
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1 MR. HOBSON: Hey, good morning to 2 everybody. My name is Rich Hobson. 3 the Administrative Director of Courts here. 4 And I'll tell you what: We have got a flag 5 in here, and I welcome everybody here, but 6 let's rise and pledge allegiance to the 7 flag. 8 (Pledge of Allegiance). 9 MR. HOBSON: And while we're still 10 standing, please join me in prayer. 11 (Prayer). 12 MR. HOBSON: Chief Justice Parker. 13 Well, I CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: 14 want to welcome everyone here. We have 15 almost everybody on the Commission here 16 already, and we have numerous observers, as 17 well. 18 This meeting is subject to the 19 Open Meetings Act, and we had a press 20 release that we sent out on 21 December 13th. We posted this at the 2.2. Alabama Secretary of State's open 23 meetings web page. And then we posted it

at AOC, as well.

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So, the notice went out, and it's obvious by the attendees that are here to observe.

Will, please sign in.

Now, an official transcript of today's meeting will be prepared by an Official Court Reporter, Jeana Boggs, who is with us. And we will have a certified copy of that transcript and a copy of the reports to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature at the conclusion of this process.

And I want to now recognize
those who are present for this meeting.
I am designated as the Chairman by
statute. Let me go around the table here
and start with you, if you will, and
please identify yourself for Jeana Boggs
to be able to clearly get your name and
position.

HON. COLLINS: I am Zack Collins,
District Court Judge, in Russell County,

1	Alabama.
2	HON. JONES: Clyde Jones,
3	Presiding Judge, Criminal Division,
4	Jefferson County, Chairman of the Jefferson
5	Judicial Commission.
6	HON. VERIN: Eugene Verin, Retired
7	Circuit Judge, Jefferson County, Bessemer
8	Division.
9	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Eugene, you
10	are here on behalf of
11	HON. VERIN: Of the Alabama
12	Lawyers Association.
13	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And that's
14	one of the three lawyer positions on this
15	Commission.
16	HON. NEWELL: And I am Michael
17	Newell, District Court Judge in Winston
18	County.
19	HON. CARTER: Lee Carter. I'm
20	Circuit Court in the 25th Judicial Circuit.
21	MS. McMILLAN: Cary McMillan,
22	Director of Family Court at the
23	Administrative Office of Courts.

1	MR. GREGORY: Michael Gregory. I
2	am an analyst with the Administrative
3	Office of Courts.
4	MR. HOBSON: Rich Hobson,
5	Administrative Director of Courts.
6	MR. DUPRE: Ben Dupre, Chief of
7	Staff to Chief Justice Parker.
8	MR. RUSSELL: Todd Russell,
9	Director of the Legal Division,
10	Administrative Office of Courts.
11	HON. REID: Jim Reid, Active
12	Retired Circuit Judge from Baldwin County.
13	MR. STEPHENS: I'm Harold
14	Stephens. I'm an attorney with Bradley
15	Arant in their Huntsville office.
16	MR. CRENSHAW: Clay Crenshaw with
17	the Attorney General's Office, and I am
18	here for AG Marsh.
19	MR. WILL PARKER: Will Parker,
20	General Counsel to Governor Ivey.
21	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Good to
22	have all of you here. And if we could,
23	let's pass out the data that we need

1 everyone to have. Is it in their package? 2 MR. HOBSON: Yes. 3 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Okay. 4 Cary McMillan and Michael Gregory are going 5 to give us an overview of that data. 6 MS. McMILLAN: I'm going to get a 7 Thank you. I'm sorry. packet. 8 MR. RUSSELL: Page four behind the 9 front order in your packet. 10 MS. McMILLAN: So, we are looking 11 at the Alabama FY2019 Circuit Court 12 Judicial Weighted Caseload Implied Need. 13 While we are looking at this, the 14 numbers -- or the statistics really haven't 15 changed that much from year to year, but I 16 did want to point out, like, one major 17 anomaly, is what we call it, but it's where 18 there is a big variance where one circuit 19 changed a whole lot. 20 And so, I want to point out 21 Circuit 24. They changed a lot, and it 2.2. was because Fayette had 36 murder 23 charges. And now that we are going on

charges and not number of cases, that increased their judge need by 1.12 -- or 1.18 judges.

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So, it actually increased their judge need by a whole judge, but it was really -- well, in Fayette County in particular, it was two people murdered by three people. So, you had co-defendants that murdered two people, but there were 36 murder charges against those three people.

So, evidently that -- which the DA can do, can obviously have a lot of charges against one individual instead of it being -- you know.

So, I just wanted to point that out, that that's the one that we would call an anomaly, which is why we go on three years of data or — I mean, instead of just one, because with three years, then, when you have one of those counties that jumps up to the top and then jumps back down to the bottom, it kind of evens

1 out over time. 2 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Cary, did 3 Chris McCool give us this situation before he arose to the bench? 4 5 Really, it's the MS. McMILLAN: 6 DA -- I don't know. It may be. I would 7 never admit that. 8 But it's really however the DA 9 is doing it. There is another thing that 10 we do take into consideration, and I am 11 just going to be very transparent. 12 Sometimes what DAs do also is, in 13 pornography cases, they will charge per 14 picture. And when we see that happen, 15 you will have 10,000 charges on one case. 16 And that one we do take into account, and 17 we reduce it, because you don't need five 18 judges to handle one case in one county 19 of pornography -- of pictures.

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So, that is the one thing that we do find in the data that we do, what we call, normalize, but that's the only thing we change. We did not change the

captain murders. We let that stand as it
is, and I just wanted to explain the
numbers to you.

So, are there any other -- if
district really didn't -- that stayed
pretty -- that really didn't change a
lot, because capital murder in district

8 cases isn't that great a weight. But 9 obviously in circuit cases it's the

10 biggest weight.

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CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And let me make sure everyone is with us on the same page. There is the order from the Alabama Circuit Court, dated January 8th, 2020, that approved this new study done on new data. And that's what we are talking about.

And, Cary, going through some of the past transcripts of this Commission, I saw there were questions about the FTE categories. Could you explain those, please.

MS. McMILLAN: I would love to

1 explain FTE.

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FTE is full-time equivalent.

So, FTE is how much a judge has time to spend just on cases over a year. So, that's what an FTE is. We only look at year snaps at a time, because when you start doing more than that, it's -- it's just hard to think about it.

But -- so, full-time equivalent is one judge for a year value to work on cases. So, you will notice that Judge Year Value, that's what is the FTE. So, you will notice on Circuit, multiple circuits, the FTE for judges is 83 minutes, 850. What that is, is because we add travel time for multi-county circuits. And, then, in a single county circuit, it will be 90,300 minutes. And in District Court, it's always 90,300 minutes, because they don't have to count -- even -- And we did talk in the committee about the dual counties, you know, where they have two courthouses,

but it was decided because it was within one county that they would just still stay with the -- the regular Judge Year Value, which is the full-time equivalent of a judge for a year.

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at past transcripts, I saw that there were questions that referees were taken into account. And, yes, they are through the FTE category and receive Circuit 6, Tuscaloosa, is one equivalent there. And I think a lot of that is taken into account.

MS. McMILLAN: Yes. Because we have a full-time juvenile referee there.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And by this process of digging into the numbers right now before you, I want to invite you to ask questions so that everybody has clear understanding of what these numbers mean.

HON. JONES: I was just wondering, on Jefferson number 10 on the Circuit page, is Bessemer Division differentiated from the Birmingham Division?

1 MS. McMILLAN: They are not in 2 this because you are in the same circuit, 3 but I do break those numbers out to look at 4 them. I do have that, but we don't in 5 this. 6 HON. JONES: It's totally 7 different. It's totally different. 8 MS. McMILLAN: It is, but, like, 9 we lump Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry and 10 Wilcox; that is lumped together in the 11 Fourth Circuit. So, there again, in 12 Jefferson, we just -- because we handle it 13 as a circuit. 14 Now, in -- if you look over to 15 the district, we break out Bessemer at 16 the bottom per district. But because 17 circuit is a circuit, we don't break it 18 out. 19 HON. JONES: Okay. So, what is 20 the allowance for Jefferson County being a 21 specialized circuit where we have a 2.2. criminal division, a civil division, a 23 domestic relations division, et cetera?

1 How is that figured into all of this under 2 number 10, Jefferson. 3 In this, it doesn't MS. McMILLAN: indicate that, but we do have a breakdown 4 5 actually of every single circuit, and we do 6 break out Birmingham, and we break it out 7 by case types. We break out by criminal, 8 civil. We have 20 case types, and they are 9 broken out -- I mean, like, it might be 10 like criminal is going to be obviously --11 you know, it's going to be capital -- it's 12 going to be felony misdemeanor, and it's 13 going to be capital felony, personal 14 felony. But we can lump those together and say these are the criminal cases. 15 16 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Now, what 17 we have given you here is just the summary 18 of the study, and Cary and Michael can 19 provide you full studies if you would like 20 to see it. 21 HON. JONES: Okay. Let me ask another question, if you don't mind, Chief. 2.2. 23 Okay. So, recently, our

1 District Court Judge, who was Debra 2 Weston-Pickens, she occupies -- well, she 3 started, at the beginning of January, occupying a district court criminal seat. 4 5 But that seat was originally a district 6 court civil seat, and it expires this 7 month. 8 So, now that district court 9 criminal seat is going back to district 10 court civil, and now the circuit judges 11 of Jefferson County are left with 12 handling the municipal appeal dockets, in 13 addition to everything else, for 23 --14 no, 22 municipalities, plus the Jefferson 15 County municipal appeal docket. Is that 16 taken into consideration in these 17 numbers? 18 It is. MS. McMTLLAN: 19 HON. JONES: It is? When did 20 you-all find out about that, because it 21 just happened. 2.2. MS. McMILLAN: Well, now, we just 23 look at how many -- we are -- This is just

case filings, and then we look at district 1 2 judges handling circuit cases and then 3 referees. I mean, that's all -- We are 4 just looking at filings on the whole. 5 Where judges move within a circuit, that we 6 don't look at as much on this, because this 7 is just a summary. 8 MR. GREGORY: Just the total 9 number of judges that actually are in the 10 county and total number of case filings. 11 HON. JONES: But the fact that she 12 is not counting municipal appeals for 23 13 municipalities, and because now we, circuit 14 judges, are having to handle those cases, increases the number of cases that we are 15 16 handling. 17 MR. GREGORY: The circuit judges? 18 HON. JONES: Yes, exponentially. 19 MR. GREGORY: Definitely. And 20 that will be accounted for next year when 21 we get the circuit court caseload numbers 2.2. in, because your JID will be reflected --23 whoever the circuit judge is hearing the

1 case will be reflected on those cases 2 through FY20. 3 So, those -- all the counts in all the cases are accounted for based on 4 5 the judge that's hearing the case. 6 doesn't matter what position or, you 7 know, which seat they are sitting in, 8 what that seat is labeled to be hearing. 9 If it's changed, then it doesn't matter. 10 Those cases are still assigned to that 11 judge. 12 So, that's what we are looking 13 at, a list. 14 MS. McMILLAN: And we are just 15 looking at whether it's a circuit case or a 16 district case for the summary. But we do 17 have a -- We do have it broken out, but we 18 don't say this judge moved from here to 19 That's not -- for statistical here. reasons, that really -- you know, that 20 21 doesn't really change statistics, the 2.2. numbers. It's still a filing. 23 MR. GREGORY: You still have a

1 certain amount of filings and a certain 2 amount of judges. And that's how we 3 determine how many judges it takes to hear 4 that many cases with that many filings per 5 counts in criminal. HON. JONES: 6 Okay. Well, I am 7 just concerned, because we lost a judgeship 8 in the circuit, it looks like. And it's 9 like we are having to do the work of the 10 lost circuit judgeship and the work of the 11 district judge here, too, added on. 12 don't think all of that is really accounted 13 for in these numbers as it relates to the 14 workload for a circuit judge in the 15 criminal division of Jefferson County, if I 16 am making that clear. 17 MR. HOBSON: Well, but it would be 18 reflected until the end of September, 19 right? Because this data reflects FY19, 20 and that would send --21 HON. JONES: See, this is new 2.2. information. 23 MR. GREGORY: Right.

1	HON. JONES: This is new. This
2	is, you know, current. You know, I mean,
3	this is not last year, 2019. This is,
4	okay, right now, January, what we are
5	looking at in Jefferson County. And it's
6	an increase in our workload. And I you
7	know.
8	HON. VERIN: I have got a question
9	for Judge Jones. You said that you that
10	Jefferson County has lost a judgeship?
11	HON. JONES: We are losing a
12	judgeship, it looks like. Because and I
13	don't want to take up an inordinate amount
14	of time, Chief, but you-all probably read
15	about the Linda Hall debacle, when she won
16	the seat with Judge Pulliam.
17	MR. GREGORY: On qualifications.
18	HON. JONES: And then she got
19	disqualified.
20	MR. GREGORY: Right.
21	HON. JONES: And then, you know,
22	Judge Pulliam got appointed to Judge Cole's
23	old seat, and that left place 16 out there.

1	And so, now Judge Pulliam is applying for
2	judge 16 place 6, her old seat, and
3	place three looks like it's going to be
4	vacant.
5	HON. VERIN: Also, you are
6	assuming that that's going to happen.
7	MR. HOBSON: Hey, and really,
8	Judge Verin, just for this meeting right
9	here today, we know of no vacancy. So, we
10	are, you know, presenting the numbers,
11	trying to get the blessing for the numbers
12	for FY19.
13	HON. VERIN: Right. Nothing will
14	be decided today. Is that correct?
15	MR. HOBSON: That's right. That's
16	right.
17	HON. VERIN: Okay. We haven't
18	lost anything yet.
19	MR. HOBSON: Yeah. We don't have
20	a vacancy today. We're not even going to
21	talk about that.
22	HON. VERIN: And when I say "we,"
23	I am talking about Jefferson County.

1 HON. JONES: I just want to make 2 it known that we currently are going to be 3 handling, this year, more cases than we handled in 2019. That was the whole point. 4 5 MR. HOBSON: Okay. 6 MR. NEWELL: These numbers do not 7 accurately reflect the present workload? 8 HON. JONES: Exactly. That's all. 9 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Now, let me 10 clarify that these numbers represent cases 11 during the fiscal year 2019. 12 MR. HOBSON: Correct. 13 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: So, at the 14 close of that fiscal year, at the end of 15 September, these studies were then 16 conducted on that data. And what we have 17 alluded to about possible future events in 18 Birmingham is out there in the future. 19 are dealing with these historic numbers 20 today. 21 MR. GREGORY: And I'll just make 2.2. one more point on that. And if that does 23 occur, Judge, and you lose a judgeship

somewhere down the road, that will be accounted for on this. So, there will be one less judge on the report and those numbers per judge will increase for Jefferson County. And that would, you know, definitely reflect that as far as your individual caseloads go. CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And let me add this, that according to the statute

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add this, that according to the statute that we operate under, if there is a change in the future along the lines that you are referring to, Clyde, this Commission will have to meet and make a recommendation within 30 days of that change.

HON. JONES: Correct.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: So, that's going to be difficult to get us all together with schedules. But please be aware, based on what Judge Jones is saying, that we might have to have a quickly called second meeting in this calendar year.

Okay. While we are still on the circuit docket, the summary page that you

1	have attached to the January 8th, 2020
2	order from the Supreme Court, are there
3	other questions that you would like for
4	Michael or Cary to explain so you have a
5	firm grasp of that?
6	HON. REID: I have a question,
7	Chief. I have question.
8	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yes.
9	HON. REID: Going back to the
10	Fayette County situation, there are 17 I
11	wasn't quite clear. There were three
12	murders, three people killed, two people
13	who killed them and
14	MS. McMILLAN: Opposite. Two
15	people killed by three people.
16	HON. REID: Two people? Okay.
17	MS. McMILLAN: So, three
18	co-defendants, and two people murdered, and
19	it's 36 charges.
20	HON. REID: Thirty-six charges.
21	MR. GREGORY: For instance, the
22	capital murder could be charged to each
23	defendant, and it was. So, that there is

1	particular situations that allows the
2	district attorney to proceed with a charge
3	for that certain situation he did in that
4	case.
5	HON. REID: So, you could have one
6	charge of capital murder, you could have a
7	second charge of felony murder, or you
8	could have multiple different charges of
9	capital murder. It could be
10	MR. GREGORY: That's the situation
11	of multiple charges of capital murder.
12	HON. REID: Okay. And you counted
13	each one of those as a separate case?
14	MR. GREGORY: Well, a count.
15	HON. REID: Well, a case or a
16	count.
17	MS. McMILLAN: Well, we make
18	counts on criminal instead of cases,
19	because everybody felt like counts was
20	more was more fair. Right. That's
21	not a good but, yeah.
22	So, that's what the committee
23	had decided the way the caseload

1 committee decided to go with charges on 2 criminal instead of filings. 3 HON. REID: Okay. Okay. that's kind of a -- kind of an artificial 4 5 elevation of that. 6 MR. HOBSON: It's an outlier. 7 HON. REID: Yeah, it's an outlier. 8 Next year it will -- it will probably go 9 back to what it was previously. 10 MS. McMILLAN: Which was zero. 11 HON. REID: Okay. 12 MS. McMILLAN: And we have so. HON. REID: Okay. 13 Gotcha. 14 MR. GREGORY: So, and I -- it 15 interested me over how it changed from over 16 the three years. And, you know, it -- I 17 want to say they were Fayette, Lamar and 18 Pickens, and the circuit quarter for FY17 19 was ranked tenth, I believe, on the list. 20 It moved them up to seventh in 2019. 21 it averages out that they were 10th, 11th, 2.2. and 7th. And I would imagine next year, 23 unless they have another one with the same

1 situation, it will go back to around 10 or 2 But the average is nine on the ranking 11. 3 over the three years. CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Go ahead. 4 5 HON. VERIN: I'd like to ask a 6 question, something that you just said, 7 because for those of us who have been 8 through the studies from a long time ago, 9 we did them through the month of February, 10 and that was highly controversial because 11 we weren't -- we were counting apples and 12 oranges. And then even when we did the 13 last study for those of us who work in 14 those committees, again it was highly 15 contentious. And we had to squeeze numbers 16 to get the agreement. But I heard for the 17 first time that AOC is doing the same count 18 for all the counties, so that we have just don't -- is that right, what I just heard? 19 20 MR. GREGORY: Everyone is counted 21 the exact same way. 2.2. HON. VERIN: Okay. And that's --23 MR. GREGORY: In criminal --

1	HON. VERIN: In criminal. It's
2	for separate counts.
3	MR. GREGORY: Right. Not
4	defendants or, I mean, not
5	MS. McMILLAN: Not cases.
6	HON. REID: Not cases.
7	HON. VERIN: Not cases.
8	MR. GREGORY: Not cases. Yes,
9	sir. And before Cary can speak to that
10	probably better than I can. But there was
11	a formula used to weigh that factor in so
12	the counties that did multi-count
13	indictments in circuit court. You know,
14	now, instead of using that formula to kind
15	of lump them all in together, we separately
16	count each one of those in every county.
17	HON. VERIN: Is that the first
18	time that's been done with this study?
19	MR. GREGORY: For the this
20	these numbers
21	HON. VERIN: Yes.
22	MR. GREGORY: Yes, sir. This
23	whole three years of data that we have

1 collected is all in there. So  2 MR. HOBSON: For three years.  3 HON. REID: Three years, right.  4 MS. McMILLAN: Well, it goes back  5 to 2016.  6 MR. GREGORY: Right.  7 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Let me just  8 ask that the first time that any of you  9 speak, please identify yourself for the  10 sake of our court reporter.  11 MR. HOBSON: Sorry, Jeana.  12 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And as we  13 have just heard reference, we now have the  14 required three years of data that the  15 statute requires us to have.  16 Okay. Further questions? I	_		
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22 second.	2	second.	
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1	here to get the numbers for 2019. That's
2	abundantly clear. Last not last year,
3	but year before last, okay, when Chief
4	Stuart was here and we met, we made a
5	proposal that we all voted on and it
6	passed, that we were going to recommend
7	that the Legislature create five
8	judgeships to go to the most needed
9	circuits. Can anyone tell me what
10	happened with that in the Legislature?
11	MR. HOBSON: They did not create
12	the judgeships. Yes, sir.
13	HON. JONES: Was there a reason?
14	Was it financial? Or they just didn't
15	think it was appropriate based on our
16	recommendation? Am I getting into another
17	pot?
18	HON. VERIN: They are all pots.
19	HON. JONES: Because I don't want
20	to do that.
21	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Clyde,
22	actually the number of judgeships needed is
23	far beyond that number of five. And I

don't have a whole lot of hope that that's going to be done in the immediate future.

That's a long range goal for us.

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Regretfully, the Legislature
thinks that the reallocation process will
satisfy the need. But it will fall far
short of that based on these numbers that
we have right now. It would meet less
than half of the total need. And then we
have the factor in there that it can only
be one every two years. So, it's long
term in reaching to less than half of the
need.

We have got a judicial system to rebuild. Many of you around the table were here in 2003 when the bottom fell out financially. And for the sake of our lawyers here, the salaries of officials, elected officials, whether they are judges, or circuit court clerks, those cannot be reduced.

And so, it was -- court specialists and bailiffs that had to be

let go so that we can operate on the limited funds that we were allotted in the 2003 legislative session. And as a result of that, we are in a rebuilding phase right now. That is my purpose in this term that I have is to restore this judicial system, to put flesh back on the bones. We started with the court specialist in the last legislative session, and I am glad to be able to report that we were able to get those back to where they needed to be based on the manpower studies that we had.

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This year, we are going to be focusing on courtroom security. We have a changed climate in our culture since 2003 when we lost the courtroom security. And so, we are going to be pushing that this year, along with the Judicial Compensation Commission recommendations for salary restructuring for judges. And then we will start looking at the — those other items.

1 Now, I will leapfrog to 2 something in your packet. We have a bill 3 that is called the Interim Judge's Bill. 4 MR. RUSSELL: It's the last item 5 in your packet, Chief Justice. 6 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: It's the 7 last item. And I will have to tell you 8 that when I was legal director of AOC, I 9 butted heads with the Retirement System of 10 Alabama over a statute that was written and 11 intended to allow us to bring back retired 12 judges for one-fourth of their salary. 13 That's a great savings for the judicial 14 system to be able to fill a need with only 15 one-fourth of the cost. 16 But RSA said that the language 17 used was inappropriate. They would not 18 recognize its implementation. 19 contrast to that, we had the language 20 correctly in those similar provisions 21 that dealt with the appellate courts.

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And as many of you will remember, Janie

Shores came back and worked for a time

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under that provision at the Alabama
Supreme Court, and Governor Patterson
continued to work on the court of
criminal appeals under that provision.

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So, we saw it in operation, but we were denied the ability to do that with circuit and district court judges.

So, I have put together

legislation to correct that language and
gotten the blessings of RSA with one
change, and it was the title. It was not
to be called "Retired Judges," but

"Interim Judges," which I am fine with
because that shows that this is just a
stopgap measure for a real existing need
that we have.

We had the Majority Leader in the House, Nathanial Ledbetter, pushed me for this because his DeKalb County district court judge has the highest caseload of any district court judge in the state. It's 2.31 now by this use of data.

1 MR. HOBSON: Yes, sir.

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CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And then
Mac McCutcheon, the Speaker of the House,
came to me wanting that need for Madison
County filled. And so, with that, I threw
this in mid-session, and we almost got it
passed.

I am hopeful that this might even be included in the prison commission recommendation, because we need a full bench to deal with whatever we are thrown in terms of resentencing or some of these specialized courts that we want to see expanded right now.

And so, this is going to provide us some relief, but, again, it's just interim before we can get to actually having the full-time judges financed and authorized through the Legislature.

HON. VERIN: Chief, I — this is
Eugene Verin from Bessemer. I had thought
about something like this for the past
couple of years.

First, in the context of immigration judges, there is a great deficit nationally on those. And I thought if you have a plenty of retired judges, if they were given a little bit of compensation, could help to fill that need nationwide. And then I thought the same thing could happen right here.

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So, I am pleased that you thought ahead of this and proposed it — and are going to propose it, because I think if this is going to be a great interim measure to help alleviate our shortage of judges.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well — and I will point out something that we tweaked with this. The statute as originally written talked about one—fourth of their retirement pay. We have written it in terms of one—fourth of the salary then in existence for a circuit or district judge at their level of experience.

So, hopefully we can attract

some of these experienced retired judges

back out of private practice.

MR. HOBSON: Chief Justice Parker,

just to add onto what you are saying,

what's just been passed out to you, these

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where we are asking for this interim judge -- interim judges to be filled in those different counties.

are the circuits and then the counties

So, it's a total of 19, and it's based on those needs that you have in the other two sheets of data.

Jones, this shows you the growth of that number beyond five that was proposed last year. And these are based on weighted caseload studies that show the need of at least one. We don't do it if it's less than one-fourth judgeship. If it's point nine, they are not included.

MON. JONES: So, the first -- I mean, the last five are the same circuits that were the most needed back in 2013

1	according to my information that I have.
2	It looks like the first two are the only
3	ones that's been added.
4	And having been the old
5	assistant DA in Macon County, I'm glad to
6	see they are getting another judge.
7	MR. HOBSON: Right. They are
8	busy.
9	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yeah. And,
10	in fact, when you look at the third from
11	the bottom under circuit Autauga, Chilton
12	and Elmore, numerically they need two out
13	of five. The caseload per judge they are
14	at the very top.
15	Okay. We digressed a little
16	getting into some background on this.
17	Let's keep focused on circuit, the data
18	that we have given you.
19	Any further questions on that or
20	discussion?
21	(No response.)
22	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, may
23	we move then to the district court numbers,

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MS. McMILLAN: And this is Cary McMillan.

And the district court case numbers didn't change a whole lot, but I do want to point out that where you see district judges doing circuit work, I want to explain what that is a little bit.

Usually it is, in your smaller counties, your district judges will do the domestic relations cases. And then we have a lot of district judges doing the protection from abuse cases, because they come up and need to be heard immediately. And the district judge is the one in the county every day; whereas, the circuit judge is riding from county to county.

So, for -- that's where you really see that circuit work being done -- district judges doing circuit work, which takes out of the district

1 judge the ability -- you know. So, it 2 adds it to the circuit court, and it 3 subtracts it from the district court. 4 They are the same on each page, but I 5 just wanted to explain that. 6 Also, we have some juvenile 7 courts that are family courts. And in 8 that we have to -- well, we have two --9 that the presiding judge is the circuit 10 court judge, but there are other judges 11 in the family court that are district 12 court judges.

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So, what happens when we do that is then those judges, basically, become circuit court judges for juvenile even though juvenile can be heard in either jurisdiction and child support, as well — juvenile and child support.

So, I just wanted to kind of explain why that happens. And so that when you see these numbers, you will know what they are.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And, Judge

Jones, I would point out that number one and number 68 break out the divisions of Jefferson County.

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HON. JONES: Chief, I have a question. Clyde Jones — you're probably tired of writing my name, over there.

But as you know, the Legislature raised the limits of district court from \$10,000 to \$20,000 limit. So, in Jefferson County, being the largest county in the state, we will get a great influx of cases in district court civil. Now, we have only had three district court civil judges.

So, now those same three district court judges in the civil division are being called upon to handle an additional 50 percent increase in the amount of cases that are filed in their court with no additional judge being — judgeship being assigned to the district court civil division, which, you know, raises a lot of money for the State of

1 Alabama.

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And I just a want to say that those judges came to me, and they wanted me to share that with this Commission, that they have received a great increase in the number of filings incoming into their court, and that became effective just this year.

So, I guess you will say it will be in next year's numbers, but I wanted to share their expressions.

MR. GREGORY: And this is Michael Gregory, and I can speak a little to that.

Next year, Judge, of course it will -- district civil will increase the number of filings, I assume. And we have noticed things like that, even when adding -- or increasing the small claims jurisdiction, or the limit amount. Those increased, as well, the number of filings in those, but those will all be reflected on the next year's reports.

MR. HOBSON: And -- this is Rich

1 Hobson. 2 And there is not a vacancy right 3 now. So, we are just -- you know, this 4 is the big picture. They need another 5 HON. JONES: 6 judge, Rich. I am not talking about 7 next -- they need another judge in district 8 court civil. I am just putting it out 9 there. 10 MR. HOBSON: Yes, sir. 11 HON. JONES: They need another 12 judge. 13 HON. VERIN: You know, funny -- a 14 very funny story, but -- well, actually, 15 not so funny. But I was up at Auburn with 16 Jack Lowder, and we were there for some 17 kind of meeting. And Jack Lowder, who is a 18 retired district judge, I went out to do my 19 walk at 5:00 in the morning, he was up 20 there on Alacourt doing his cases on a 21 Saturday at 5:00 in the morning just to 2.2. keep up. 23 So, you know, it's not going to

1 get any better. And the fact is -- I am 2 not saying that to tell anybody anything 3 new, because we all know that. So, I'm 4 just putting it out there. 5 HON. JONES: I can remember a few 6 years ago where he received an award for 7 handling the most cases in the State of 8 Alabama. I think it was around 18,000, if 9 my memory serves. 10 HON. VERIN: That's why he is 11 retired. 12 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Any other 13 questions? 14 (No response.) 15 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, one 16 thing we are going to have to do is 17 actually vote on these circuit and district court numbers, so that we can recommend 18 19 these to the -- to the governor and to the 20 Legislature. 21 So, let's start with a motion 2.2. dealing with the circuit court data. Let 23 somebody move adoption of that.

1	HON. NEWELL: This is Mike Newell
2	from Winston County. I make a motion that
3	we adopt the numbers.
4	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And a
5	second?
6	MR. STEPHENS: I'll second.
7	Harold Stevens from Madison County.
8	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Okay.
9	There's been a motion and a second so,
10	everybody in favor of adopting the circuit
11	court numbers, can I see signify by
12	saying "aye."
13	(Commission members saying
14	"aye.")
15	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And anybody
16	in opposition by saying "no."
17	(No response.)
18	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: The ayes
19	have it and has passed.
20	Let's do the same thing with the
21	district court numbers. There was less
22	discussion, but some tense discussion
23	about that. But it's apparently for the

1	future that we will see that change. So,
2	do I hear a motion to adopt the district
3	court numbers?
4	HON. CRENSHAW: Chief, Clay
5	Crenshaw. I so move.
6	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: That's from
7	the Attorney General's office.
8	And do I hear a second for that
9	motion?
10	HON. NEWELL: Chief, Mike Newell,
11	Winston County. I will second the motion.
12	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Okay. We
13	have had a motion and a second. So, all in
14	favor of adopting the district court
15	caseload numbers, please signify by saying
16	"aye."
17	HON. VERIN: Point of order
18	Eugene Verin. And we just an
19	affirmative vote is simply saying that the
20	numbers of the case study are being
21	adopted; is that correct?
22	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Right.
23	HON. VERIN: Not the

1	recommendations at this point.
2	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: No.
3	HON. VERIN: Okay.
4	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: No. We are
5	just adopting the background data at this
6	point.
7	So, with that clarified, let's
8	have a show of support by "ayes."
9	(Commission members saying
10	"aye.")
11	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And anybody
12	opposed by "nay."
13	(No response.)
14	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: The ayes
15	have it.
16	So, if we please show that,
17	Court Reporter, on this.
18	And then we have got to look at
19	what the overall need is in this state.
20	And Administrative Director of Courts,
21	Dr. Rich Hobson, passed out this that
22	shows 11 circuit court judges and 8
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۷)	district court judges. And, Dr. Hobson,

would you explain actually how these were derived from the data that we have adopted?

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Yes, sir. MR. HOBSON: looking at the two sheets that you just approved and also with, I guess, the prior two years in consideration, as well, looking at the ranking of it, looking at the workload that they have, these are the top in the state. And I would say on those circuit judges that you have on this list that says "2020 Unified Judicial System Needs," the -- in a little while, it's going to get into workload per judge, which is caseload -- the minimum on there is 1.24, and the maximum is 1.93. So, that's each circuit judge doing that much work, the work of 1.93 judges or the work of 1.24 judges.

And on the district judges, the lowest that we have on that list would be 1.36. So, a judge doing the work of 1.36 judges.

1 So, those are the needs that we 2 have right there. It's not exactly --3 Chief Justice, it is not going by how 4 many places out there, how many circuits 5 in the state or how many counties in the 6 state for district judges have the need 7 of one judge over, because actually for 8 district judges it would be more than 9 But we are going for what is the 10 dire need right now that we have in this 11 state to meet the responsibilities that 12 we have and the expectations, and that's 13 what we derived right there. 14 HON. JONES: Excuse me. 15 Is there a list of the circuits 16 and -- of the circuit judges and district 17 18 19 20

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judges that we are seeing having an abundance of judges? Does that make sense, like, the opposite of this? Like, are you seeing that, you know, four to five circuits are you saying have extra judges? MR. HOBSON: Yes, sir. Well, on the two sheets of data that was approved --

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okay, that were approved, within those numbers, it shows the excess or not excess of judges on that list.

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So, they are ranked, if you see all the way to the right of both the district judge, judicial weighted caseload time study and the circuit judge, all the way to the right is the ranking in the state.

And then within those numbers in that synopsis, it also shows what is the need. For example, if you are looking at the district judge at the top, you can see that the ranking for — or — and I am not picking on Jefferson County. It's just the first one up there. And it shows the ranking, it shows the surplus of judges within those ranks, within the district judges, and then it does the same for the circuit judges on the other sheet.

HON. VERIN: So, for the district -- Eugene Verin.

1 So, then, to be more specific I 2 think with Judge Jones' question, in 3 terms of finding out which circuits or 4 district judges, we can look at the rank 5 by inverse order. 6 MR. HOBSON: Absolutely. 7 HON. VERIN: So, the highest 8 number would be -- for a district judge 9 would be Jefferson County, which means that 10 you are asking Jefferson County to lose one 11 judge. Number 67 would be -- I can see it. 12 Sumter. HON. JONES: Sumpter 13 County. 14 MR. HOBSON: Sumpter. 15 67 is Sumter, and so HON. VERIN: 16 on, and so on. I think that that's where 17 our interest lies is who is going to get 18 the cut. 19 MR. HOBSON: Yes, sir. Of course, 20 right now there is no vacancy, and there is 21 -- nobody is being cut today or nobody is 2.2. being added to today. So, actually in our 23 recommendation that will come out of here

1 today, we are talking about needs across 2 the state. So, we are not talking about 3 who's going to lose a judge. We are 4 talking about where do we need judgeships. 5 HON. VERIN: And where should they 6 come from. But at this point, since there 7 are no vacancies, no one will be moved. 8 that what I am hearing? 9 MR. HOBSON: Today, no, sir. 10 There are no vacancies right now. Nobody 11 is being moved. 12 There is no authority MR. NEWELL: 13 to move anybody. 14 That's right. Okay. HON. VERIN: 15 MR. HOBSON: And actually, if I 16 can just piggyback on that, so, the letter 17 that Judge Jones referred to earlier about 18 the recommendation made by this Commission 19 last year, and there were five circuit 20 judgeships on there -- okay? -- and the 21 letter was sent to the Governor, with, I 2.2. believe, a copy to the Legislature saying, 23 hey, these are where the needs are, and

we encouraged the Legislature to fund these judgeships, because there is a terrific need here. We plan to do the same thing after this body approves a list of where the needs are. And, again, we will ask the Legislature to do that.

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But I think before you had said why didn't that happen? It is the money. It is the money of creating the judgeship. And that's why it hasn't happened in the past, and that's why, as Chief Justice Parker mentioned, we feel that that probably won't happen this year, either. But because of that reality of the revenue in the State of Alabama, that's why Chief Justice Parker has initiated this whole interim judgeship.

So, that may be too long of an answer about that, but...

HON. VERIN: Right. So, at this point, we are being asked to adopt the recommended needs?

1	MR. HOBSON: Needs. That's right.
2	HON. VERIN: Okay?
3	MR. HOBSON: Correct.
4	HON. VERIN: Will we be asked to
5	adopt a ranking of circuits and district
6	judges district courts where the needs
7	should be fulfilled from? And so that
8	later on in the year, if there does come a
9	vacancy it will that need will be met,
10	if you understand my question.
11	MR. HOBSON: I do, and I defer to
12	Chief Justice Parker.
13	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yeah.
14	Gene, I think you said the need would be
15	filled from, and we are not dealing with
16	from, who is going to lose. We are dealing
17	with who needs.
18	HON. VERIN: That's all. The
19	need?
20	MR. RUSSELL: Today. Today.
21	MR. HOBSON: And the reason is
22	because there is not a vacancy. And we
23	need the Commission to bless the numbers

1	that we have here, just as you have done
2	these prior two years, and we are just
3	moving forward from that.
4	HON. VERIN: If there becomes
5	Eugene Verin. If there becomes a vacancy,
6	do we have to meet again?
7	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yes.
8	That's
9	MR. HOBSON: Yes, sir, we do.
10	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: We have to
11	make a recommendation and within 30 days of
12	a vacancy. So, we will have a speed dial
13	attempt to set up a meeting here.
14	MR. HOBSON: That's right. And
15	you
16	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: But we have
17	to have a majority present.
18	HON. VERIN: Well, Chief Eugene
19	Verin. That seems about an hour of stuff I
20	was going to say.
21	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, and
22	let me make sure that everybody understands
23	the interpretation of these numbers, and

let's go to the district court data that we were looking at last.

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And Judge Jones was talking about Birmingham, number one. You can see in the second column from the right there is a plus number there, 1.83.

Contrast that with Mobile County which has a negative number, 1.78. That means that Mobile needs one full district judge, and we will not fill a .78 need.

MR. HOBSON: Correct.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: So, that's how you can look down and determine who has excess based on the weighted caseload study and who has a need. But by and large, it's all needs.

HON. JONES: I don't know, Chief. I just wonder, because of district court civil's increased filing, then would it be right to make decisions not taking that into consideration? Instead of up to 10,000, now it's up to 20,000? To me this just seems that it's going to have a large

1 effect -- a great effect on the number of 2 filings all over the state; not just 3 Jefferson, but Montgomery, Mobile and 4 Baldwin and Madison. And I just don't know 5 if it would be proper or correct to make a 6 decision in 2020 which is different --7 totally different than what happened in 8 2019. Does that makes sense? The numbers 9 are going to change greatly. It's not like 10 the difference between 2018 and 2019. 11 have a big change here. 12 HON. REID: Jim Reid, Baldwin 13 County. 14 Judge, you are just moving those 15 cases from circuit court to district 16 It's not going to be any court. 17 different cases. You are just moving 18 them from one court to the other. Now 19 they can file in district court, pay a 20 lower filing fee, rather than file in

HON. JONES: But you are still

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circuit court and pay a higher filing

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1	putting more Clyde Jones.
2	You're still putting more work
3	on the district judges without giving
4	them any more
5	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Judgeships.
6	HON. JONES: judgeships or
7	staff or anything.
8	HON. REID: Well, when I was on
9	the bench active, I heard district court
10	cases when we needed them. A circuit judge
11	can hear district court cases.
12	HON. JONES: In Jefferson County?
13	HON. REID: We did it in Baldwin
14	County.
15	HON. VERIN: By special
16	appointment, sure.
17	HON. REID: Sure.
18	HON. JONES: Is there an exception
19	in Jefferson County?
20	HON. REID: I don't think you even
21	need a special appointment. I think a
22	district I mean, a circuit judge can
23	hear a district court case without a

1 special appointment. 2 HON. VERIN: You know, we had a 3 discussion in Bessemer, and we came to the office and said -- and we just had the 4 5 presiding judge appoint us as a --6 MR. HOBSON: That's right. 7 did. To fill the need. 8 HON. REID: That would be the 9 easiest. That would be the easiest way to 10 do it if there is a question. 11 MR. NEWELL: Mike Newell, from 12 Winston County. I think, Judge Jones, 13 getting to your point, if a vacancy would 14 arise and we reconvene for a meeting, you 15 certainly have the argument to make, 16 because it still requires a two-thirds 17 vote. We -- it's based -- It's predicated 18 upon the data, but any argument made and 19 new factors being considered, certainly the 20 Commission could consider those. 21 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well -- and for those who don't know, we are blessed 2.2. 23 that two of our lawyer appointments are

1	retired judges. So, they bring a lot to
2	the table in experience as a judge and
3	through the long process of getting us here
4	today with the first permutation of a study
5	and then the corrections that had to be
6	made to that to get us to the full three
7	years of data that we have now with the
8	approval of these.
9	HON. VERIN: Chief, it's always
10	good to be called old.
11	MR. NEWELL: It's good to have the
12	ability to
13	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Experience.
14	Experience.
15	HON. VERIN: It's good to be here.
16	MS. McMILLAN: May I say one
17	thing, too?
18	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Please,
19	Cary.
20	MS. McMILLAN: Cary McMillan.
21	I did want to point out that we
22	do have we know that we only have 67
23	counties in the State of Alabama. And we

1 do break out Jefferson, Birmingham and 2 create the 68. 3 So, that is not -- We do that just to be able to break out those 4 5 numbers. And so, we -- that's why we 6 have 68 instead of 67. 7 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, I 8 would like for this Commission to do what 9 was done last year; and that is, recommend 10 the number of judgeships needed to the 11 Governor and to the Legislature so they 12 keep that figure in front of them as they 13 plan for the future. 14 And so, let's see. Is there any 15 further discussion about the circuit 16 judgeships and district judgeships shown? 17 And we need full judgeships by these 18 numbers. 19 HON. VERIN: I will move that we 20 establish that there is a present need for 21 11 additional circuit judges and eight 2.2. additional district judges throughout the

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state.

1	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Good. And
2	that would be in the form of a
3	recommendation to the Governor and the
4	Legislature?
5	HON. VERIN: Yes.
6	HON. JONES: I second the motion.
7	Clyde Jones.
8	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And all in
9	favor say "aye."
10	(Commission members saying
11	"aye.")
12	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: All opposed
13	say "nay."
14	HON. REID: I abstain, Chief. Jim
15	Reid.
16	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, we
17	have concluded the major portion of our
18	business.
19	Anything else that we should
20	discuss, Dr. Hobson?
21	MR. HOBSON: I do have something
22	that I would like to talk about, and it
23	comes under all right. And it falls

under the statute. And, you know, we have look at the data that we have already voted on and the discussions that we have had. And, you know, number five within the statute says: Any other information deemed relevant by the Judicial Resource Allocation Commission. Okay?

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So, this handout that I just passed out is something that I want us to keep in mind to talk about in the future, you know, if a vacancy ever does come up and we reconvene and these are some other things that I want us to consider. And specifically on here, it's talking about the workload per judge. Okay? And on the first sheet, you can see four columns from the right. You can see where it says, "workload per judge." And then right next to that, to the right of it, it says, "the rank per circuit judge." Okay?

Now, this is taking the need of judges, the ultimate number of judges

1 that you need within an area, whether 2 it's circuit or district judge within the 3 county, and divided by how many you have. Okay? And it comes up with the workload 4 5 for circuit judge. 6 So, earlier when Chief Justice 7 Parker was talking about a circuit where 8 their workload is 1.93 judges per each 9 circuit judge -- that's Autauga, Chilton, 10 Elmore and the workload per circuit judge 11 is 1.93 -- they each do the work of 1.93 12 judges. All right? That is something that we need to take into consideration, 13 14 I believe, in future meetings where we will meet. 15 You know, on the district court 16 17 side -- okay? -- when you look on page 18 two, if you will look down to -- let's 19 see. 20 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: 28. 21 MR. HOBSON: That's right. DeKalb 2.2. County. Thank you. DeKalb County, and 23 it's county number 28, so it's about the

middle of the page there. Workload per judge, 2.31. All right? Now, he consistently — and that's Judge Whitmire in DeKalb County, bless his heart — he's one guy. Okay? He consistently is over two judges. He does the work of over two judges. Last year it was 2.23. This year it's 2.31.

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So, these are just some things I wanted to make you-all mindful of, and I have got the top ten rank for both circuit and district. And it just seems, in addition to, we are looking at the need across the state which is based on raw judges need. And then we look at population; we can talk about that. We can talk about all these different things. We can talk about what you were talking about, Judge Jones, about — hey, there's some new legislation introduced and how that might affect. And I know that happens every year.

But I did want to pass this out,

1 and it just shows the top ten by workload 2 per circuit judge and district judge. 3 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Rich, is 4 this to prepare us if we have to have a 5 special called meeting? 6 MR. HOBSON: That's correct. That 7 is correct. And, you know, the whole thing 8 about, you know, what somebody asked, you 9 know, do you mean that we have to come back 10 together again to talk about this? 11 And that is the importance of this 12 Commission right here. 13 So, this isn't just some kind 14 of, oh, we are on a committee, that kind 15 of thing. This is a very, very important 16 Commission that has to do with future 17 judicial needs of the entire state. So, when that call or email or 18 19 letter comes out, I urge you to please be 20 in attendance. But right now there is no 21 vacancy, and that's what we have got. 2.2. CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Any further 23 business or discussion?

1 HON. VERIN: Chief, there's one 2 last thing, and I know that we are getting 3 ready to break. But with regard to the 4 bill that was introduced last time about 5 the retired judges --6 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yeah. 7 Interim judges. HON. VERIN: Interim. Okay. 8 9 Interim judges. 10 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Reprogram 11 my mind on that. 12 HON. VERIN: Well, on the 13 synopsis, it says: Under existing law, 14 retired justices and judges may be called 15 into active duty status, and are 16 compensated for their services. 17 We are not compensated. 18 CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well, that 19 was the intent of the original statute that 20 RSA prohibited us to put into effect for 21 circuit and district judges. So, we are 2.2. going in and correcting the language in 23 that existing statute.

1	HON. VERIN: Okay. I got you.
2	Okay. I am satisfied.
3	HON. REID: Chief, I have a
4	question.
5	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Yes.
6	HON. REID: Jim Reid. Are we
7	going to identify the judges who are going
8	to age out at the end of this year who
9	cannot run for reelection as provided for
10	in this statute?
11	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: We need to
12	get that done. And why don't we we have
13	got a mailing list. Why don't we send that
14	out to everyone?
15	HON. REID: Okay. We have to
16	provide that information to the Secretary
17	of State?
18	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: No, just
19	let's clarify this. It's those who will
20	not that they age out at a point in time.
21	It's those who will not be able to run for
22	reelection
23	HON. REID: Correct. Correct.

1	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: because
2	they have aged out.
3	HON. REID: Yes. Correct.
4	MR. HOBSON: And that's why you
5	are on here, Judge Reid, because you are
6	good with detail.
7	HON. REID: And I am aged out.
8	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Now, I will
9	tell you, the age requirement does not
10	apply to the interim judge's bill.
11	HON. REID: Okay. Okay.
12	MR. GREGORY: And, Judge, I don't
13	think you aged out. You just became
14	ineligible to run for reelection due to
15	your life experience.
16	HON. REID: Thank you. I
17	appreciate that.
18	CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Well,
19	seeing no further business, I declare this
20	that meeting is now adjourned. We have a
21	little time before lunch. Yes?
22	MR. HOBSON: Could I just say one
23	more thing before everybody gets out of

here, and -- if you don't mind, Chief Justice Parker.

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And that's -- you know, Michael, this is his full-time job. He does this all the time. Okay? And Cary McMillan, bless her heart, you know, she's the person who is tasked with making sure everything is right or blessing it, basically. And she is the Director of the Family Court Division downstairs at AOC where she has all the juvenile probation officers and all of the court referrals. She has a large, large job.

And I just — I thank you very much, Cary McMillan, for taking on this additional duty, and it is because of your experience and knowhow is why you have to keep doing it. But I do want to thank you in front of everybody, that it's an extra duty for Cary, but she does a wonderful job.

HON. REID: She does a great job. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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HON. VERIN: And, Chief, I just wanted to acknowledge the members of the Alabama Lawyers Association who are present. They appointed — Well, they asked me to represent them on this Commission, and we have got Stephanie Hunter, who is the immediate past president. We have got Leon Hampton, who is the incoming president, and along with Al Wilcox, who is a faithful member. I appreciate them being here. They wanted to make sure I did well. So —

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: And in addition to them, we have a total of four observers for this. So, it shows that the public notice worked.

MR. HOBSON: That's right.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER: Now, we do have about 20 minutes before lunch is going to be served. And if any of you would like to come up to my chambers, I would invite you and show you the historic gym that I

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