

NCPJ Membership Survey

Q1 - Please tell us about yourself:

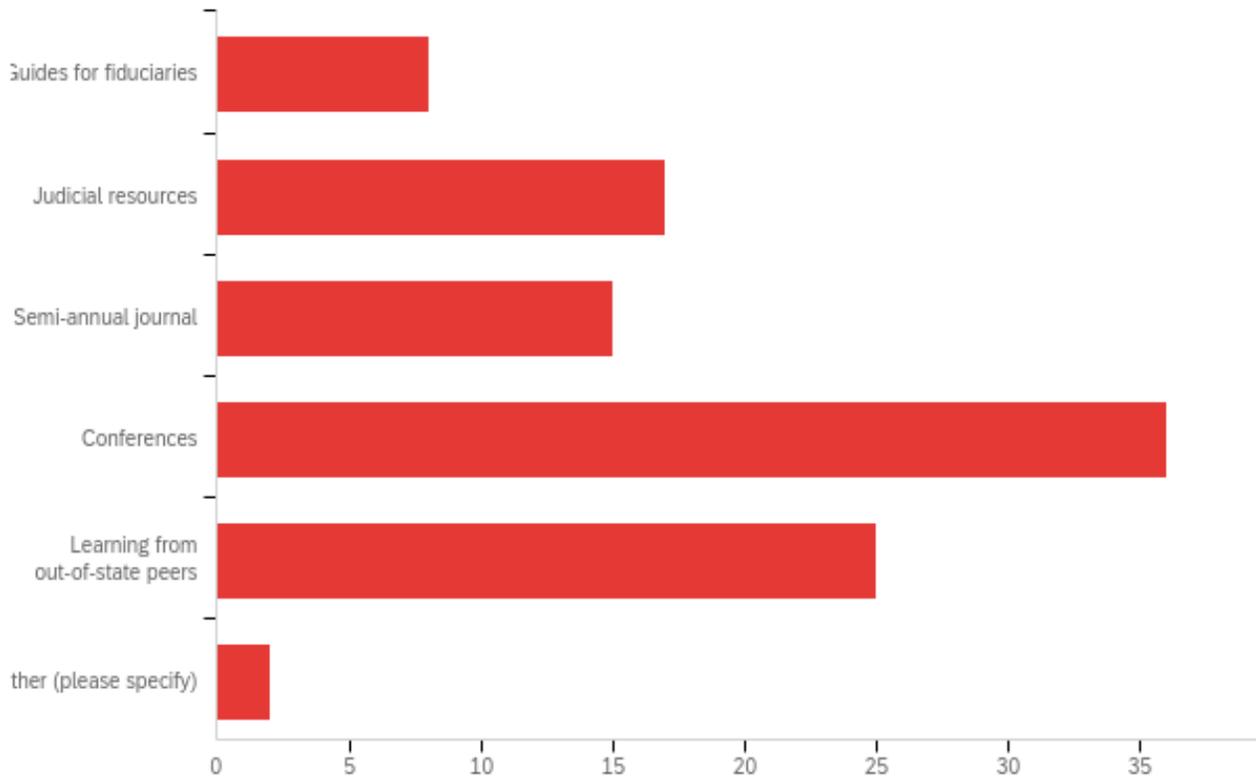
Name:	Title/Position:	State/Province:	Email Address:	Phone Number:
Peter Kouten	Associate Probate Judge	South Carolina		
Sean Peoples	Probate Court Judge	CT		
Warren Wong	partition referee	CA		
Amy McCulloch	Probate Judge Richland County	SC		
Jack Puffenberger	Judge	Ohio		
james t. stanley	maguistrate judge IV	alaska		
Hon. Kathleen Stone	Former Probate Judge	TX		
Lynwood D. Jordan,	Judge	Georgia		
William J. Self	Sr. Probate Court Judge, GA	GA		
Elizabeth Leith	Presiding Judge	Colorado		
Libby Mitchell	Probate Judge	Maine		
Don Davis	Judge of Probate	Alabama		
Al Davies	Judge/Belmont County Com. P.	Ohio		
Judge Mike Wood	Retired Statutory Probate Judge	Texas		
Rita Batz Cobb	Senior Judge	Oregon		
W Wallace Kent Jrprobate Judge (Ret.)	Retired Probate Judge	Michigan		
Byron E Macfarlane	Register of Wills	MD		
Steve M King	Senior Statutory Probate Judge	TX		
Arnold H. Gold	Retired Judge	California		
Leigh Powers Boan	Probate Judge for Georgetown County	SC		
Luann Cooperrider	Judge	OH		
Kimberly Sullivan	Probate Judge	Texas		
Gladys Burwell	Senior Statutory Probate Judge	TX		
Garrison Baker	Probate Judge	GA		
LaVerne Ogletree	Judge Probate Court	GA		

Chris Ponder	Statutory Probate Judge	Texas	
Beverly K. McGookey	JUDGE	OH	
John Maher	Retired	NH	
Heather Galvin	Associate Probate Judge	South Carolina	
Gloria Sturman	Judge	Nevada	
Grace Connolly	Register of Wills	Maryland	
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Tamara Curry	Associate Probate Judge	SC	
Nicole Stevens	Register of Wills	District of Columbia	
robert rusu	Probate Judge	OHIO	
Tim Grendell	Judge	Ohio	
Ashley Amundson	Probate Judge	South Carolina	
Joe	Egan	CT	

Q2 - On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being extremely unsatisfied and 10 being extremely satisfied, how satisfied are you with the benefits you receive from your NCPJ membership?

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Count
Click to write Choice 1	1.00	10.00	7.85	39

Q3 - What do you like most about being a member of NCPJ? (Please select all that apply)



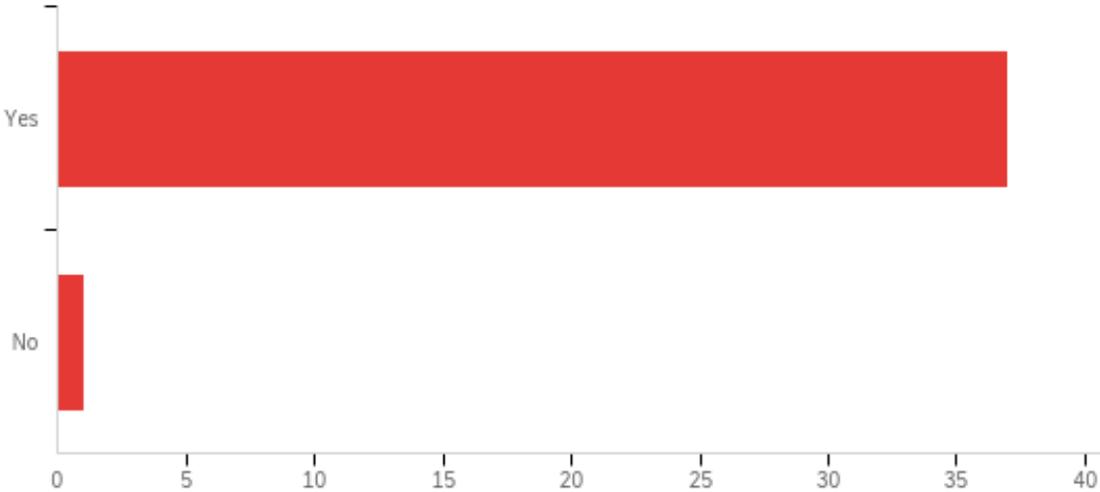
Answer	%	Count
Guides for fiduciaries	7.77%	8
Judicial resources	16.50%	17
Semi-annual journal	14.56%	15
Conferences	34.95%	36
Learning from out-of-state peers	24.27%	25
Other (please specify)	1.94%	2
Total	100%	103

Q3_6_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Meeting other judges and sharing ideas

Networking with Judges from other states.

Q4 - Are you planning on renewing your NCPJ membership?

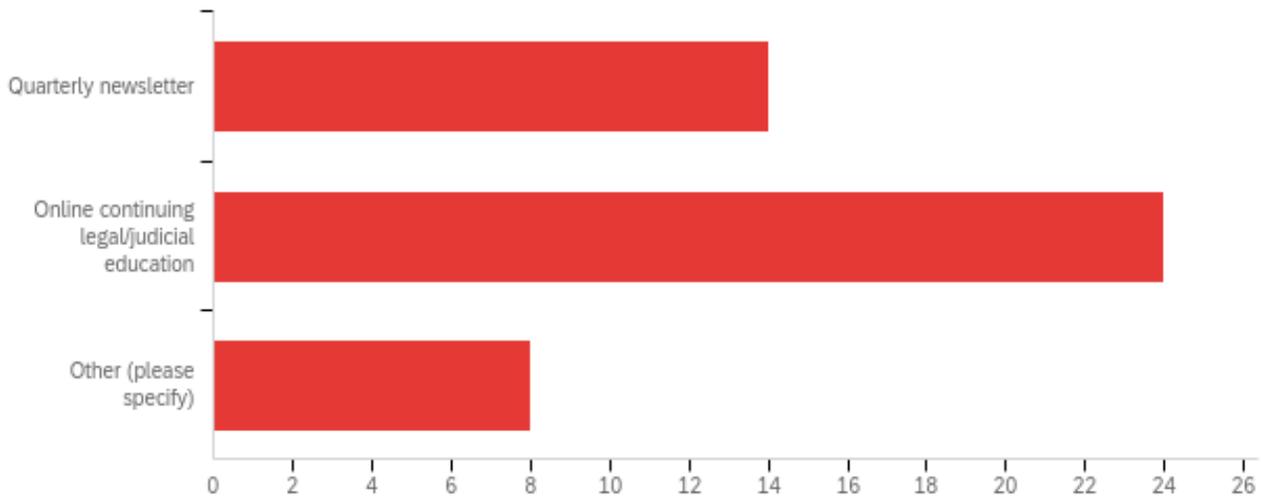


Answer	%	Count
Yes	97.37%	37
No	2.63%	1
Total	100%	38

Q5 - If no, can you please tell us what can be improved?

I am a Life Member.

**Q6 - What additional benefits would you like to see included in your membership?
(Please select all that apply)**



Answer	%	Count
Quarterly newsletter	30.43%	14
Online continuing legal/judicial education	52.17%	24
Other (please specify)	17.39%	8
Total	100%	46

Q6_3_TEXT - Other (please specify)

I believe there is a listserve. I rarely see any questions and answers. It does not seem very active unless for some reason I am not signed up for it.

Materials from past conferences available online.

none

None

I am a life time member. It used to be that the Registration fee for retired Judges was less than it is now. For some reason it was increased to the point of making it unfeasible to attend. Could you reconsider the fee charged for registration for retired judges.

Due to Covid my State will not pay for in person CLE through June 2021

Since I'm retired I'm fine with everything

Q7 - Please share any ideas you have for additional benefits:

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Online Membership Directory accessible only by members that allows members to update their own information.

tracks of programs at conferences so that choices can be made for issues appropriate to your state

As a retired judge with limited resources, online cle is very helpful. An ability to participate in Fall and Spring conferences would be a huge improvement. As a former President of NCPJ, I am aware of the financial problems with video, but perhaps exploring audio only on the internet would be useful.

A membership only web page to encourage social contact between conferences.

Our membership are a great resource for webinars.

would really like to have an in person conference maybe a southern location where we could sit outside Just a thought

Having online education is especially important in the present climate and when you cannot go to the conferences - because of cost or other reasons

Written guidelines for guardianship and conservatorship.

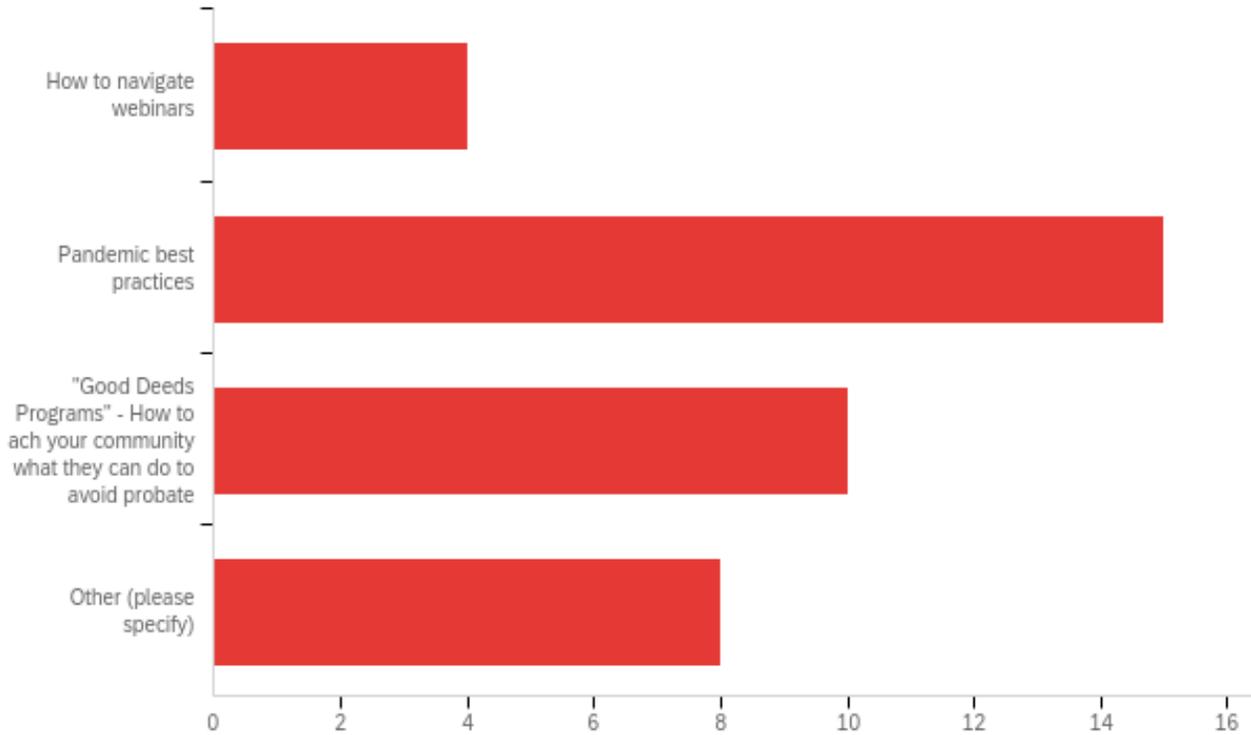
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It would be nice if there was an active listserv where individuals could post interesting scenarios and seek feedback and where moderators posted scenarios once a month to generate conversation.

Focus on web based resources—periodic “zoom” conferences on specific topics. Spending HOURS in front of a computer is tedious but broken up into smaller segments spread over time could work

It is hard to know what we can do with the uncertainty of the pandemic and limited travel dollars because of loss of funding during this crisis.

Q8 - What educational topics would you like NCPJ to address in the next 6 months?



	Answer	%	Count
	How to navigate webinars	10.81%	4
	Pandemic best practices	40.54%	15
	"Good Deeds Programs" - How to teach your community what they can do to avoid probate	27.03%	10
	Other (please specify)	21.62%	8
	Total	100%	37

Q8_4_TEXT - Other (please specify)

efiling, paperless files, digital files, security of digital files, is it possible to move to a totally paperless system

Conducting remote hearings

Interstate Guardian Coordination (transfers)

Materials to teach the public what probate is, the implications of dying without a Will, the benefits of having a Will, and some guidance about for whom avoiding probate is a better estate planning tool.

Lack of options for individuals who need placement under guardianships

trust related matters, evidence related programs

Court administration in a remote world

Practical experience and tools for assisted decision making in lieu of guardianship.

Q9 - Please describe some of the best practices you have discovered for managing your court during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Put everything on the record, including the fact that this is a virtual hearing and it is approved by order of our state supreme court.

Zoom Hearings Email communications

My court continues to operate remotely

We are almost 100 % telephonic, Zoom, and video conference.

We continued business as usual, modifying only hearings to specially set them individually rather than calendar calls, and requiring appointments for office visits during the first couple of months. No backlog has occurred. (No jury trials became ready for trial).

Conducting virtual hearings by WebEx video. Installed plexiglass screens, covered microphones with plastic wrap to allow disinfecting between persons using them when in-person appearances are desired.

Zoom all court appearances Appointments to come into court house

Use of Zoom/Virtual proceedings.

NA - I am retired.

Not applicable - I'm retired

Establish understandable and simple guidelines for online conferences and hearings. Develop aids for hearing management.

N/A

i made people wear a mask from day one

Because I do not have a court as such and am assigned cases all over the state being able to have hearings with Zoom is extremely helpful as we are able to continue on the cases without having to drive long distances.

use of video conference.

N/A

Dividing our staff into two separate groups who cycle between working in the office and from home so that if one group is ill the other group may still work. Daily temperature checks for staff. Performing tasks with the public outside.

How to use technology during Covid and going to e-filing for our court.

Dropbox for original documents like wills

Making records available online, implementing online/virtual hearings

Again, I'm retired

Q10 - Please describe your court's plan to manage the anticipated increase in child abuse/domestic violence/mental health cases due to pandemic-related delays.

We are well positioned to cover any increase. We do virtual MH Commitment hearings and do not go into the hospitals. It looks like a more efficient process and will likely continue virtual Commitment hearings after the pandemic. We do not cover Child abuse and DV cases in our state.

Mental Health cases is the only issue that applies in the above. What we do is directly related to what services are available. In patient and in person are very rare right now and we are struggling. Advocating for more services is what we have to focus on.

More calendar time is allocated. We frequently "double up" on available judicial officers to handle the load.

We do not anticipate such an increase.

Our court is fully prepared for any increase in filings and do not believe additional plans are needed. Our court accepts filings electronically, in person, by mail or courier and is not experiencing any delays related to cases that were postponed earlier this year. Visitors are able to conduct their visits/interviews in person and virtually.

Avoiding delays by using technology

Plan is still under consideration.

See above

N/A (see above)

I am retired and so sit only by assignment

N/A

work really hard with my local partners to provide in home services

I will not be assigned any cases in these areas.

schedule increased court sessions

N/A

Due to the economic downturn, resources for courts will not be increased, so figuring out how to do more with less will be necessary. The conversion to video hearings may allow judges to multitask in a more efficient manner but it will result in less personal analysis of individual issues.

No new plans

Nothing to describe at this time. Work in progress.

No plans to do anything differently other than adapt to increase. We will seek additional resources if necessary.

Retired

Q11 - Is there anything NCPJ can do specifically to assist you in dealing with pandemic-related issues?

no

national mental health code review and changes. We have got to get rid of the term mental defective

Not that I can think of.

No.

See above. I am still sitting by appointment around the State of Texas, and am doing so without leaving my dining room. Ain't Zoom grand!!

No

best practices guidelines

No

NCPJ could recommend safety in the Court for staff and members of the public. It is unfortunate that not all courts have basic security nor are masks/temperature checks required in all areas.

Electronic wills & notarization, filing of original wills both paper and digital. Electronic evidence

Classes to assist judges and staff with best practices.

Not at this time

NO

No

Q12 - Please provide any additional feedback about NCPJ and/or your membership?

I am a life member

Conferences are very good. Speaker selection and topic selection reflect much work by NCPJ officers.

I will be retiring on December 31 and need to change my membership to "Retired" - and also change my contact information.

A brief item regarding retirement issues in every newsletter might encourage more participation by retirees

None

Sometimes the location of the conferences makes attendance prohibitive since senior judges do not have budgets as such and have to pay all expenses from personal funds.

valuable asset

I would like to attend conferences and pay on an ala carte basis for my Hotel room, Friday night meal and a small fee for registration.

The NCPJ Conferences are quite helpful both in terms of networking and sharing experiences. I would suggest a break away session for newer judges to discuss evidentiary issues, challenges facing new judges, and case management.

Great organization

N/A

As for the conferences I would just the tried and true warm weather locations