**BEES IN OUR JUDICIAL BONNET**

**WADE’S LIST FOR 3-3-2022**

[Just hope I am not repeating my gripes from prior episodes – apologize in advance if I do]

1. Lawyers who are retained but do not file an entry of appearance.
   1. U.S.C.R. 4.2 “No attorney shall appear in that capacity before a superior court until the attorney has entered an appearance by filing a signed entry of appearance form or by filing a signed pleading in a pending action.”
   2. We have no idea who to send notice to
2. Cases are scheduled for a day, ½ day, multiple days and then, on the eve of hearing, they cancel.
   1. Everyone loves a settlement – but while digging out of this pandemic backlog, losing that much time really hurts our efficiency
   2. Particularly if the case is not resolved by the delay and it has to come back another day
3. People who do not close old, resolved cases
   1. Both criminal and civil
   2. Opening a new circuit, we are trying to clean up old pending cases
   3. Cannot begin to estimate the number of old cases that are sitting around and the parties have long since moved on
   4. As a lawyer, I always worried about having a pending case where I needed to contact client but had no valid address or phone number – worried about my liability
4. Dead docket orders without any deadline for resolution
   1. Same vein as last bee – these cases just sit around for years
5. People (lawyers and litigants) who are gratuitously hostile and ugly to opposing parties/lawyers
6. Lawyers who come into my office and stare at me until I look up and get interrupted
   1. We love our lawyers and most are super-respectful of our space
   2. BUT, there are others who believe we are at work, praying someone comes by to chat for a while
   3. Please, read the room. Happy to make an appointment – my assistant will absolutely tell you on the phone whether I am available for a chat session – or not!
7. Problems with lawyers who announce a case is settled and then lock down when someone attempts to prepare an order
   1. I do not want you to have to come to court to put a settlement agreement on the record any more than you want to do that
   2. But when there is no confirming letter or e-mail and now the lawyers are bickering back and forth over a detail of the order – what do you want me to do with that?