

Minutes	Committee on Resources for Self Represented Parties				
Meeting Date	February 10, 2012		Meeting Room	Executive Dining Room	
Committee Member	Present	Excused	Committee Member	Present	Excused
Fred Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge Scott Johansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat Bartholomew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Lazaro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judge John Baxter, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Russ Minas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emily Chiang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shauna O'Neil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Jane Ciccarello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Procarione	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stewart Ralphs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judge Michael DiReda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Sudbury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carol Frank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judge Douglas Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Jeffs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Van Buren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff	Tim Shea				
Guests	Olivia Shaughnessy (Hinckley Intern)				

Topic	Approve minutes of August 12, 2011	By	Judge Baxter
Motion: Approve as prepared.		By	Virginia Sudbury
Vote:	Yes All No Abstain	Pass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Pass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: Judge Baxter welcomed Ms. Chiang and Mr. Dominguez to the committee. The committee members introduced themselves to each other.

Topic	OCAP Report	By	Russ Minas Stewart Ralphs
Discussion: Mr. Minas reported that at the last OCAP Board meeting it was reported that the order to show cause component of OCAP was back online. Ms. Van Buren said that when she last checked it was not. Mr. Minas said that he would inquire further. He reported that OCAP is moving to a HotDocs application, but that he did not have an anticipated completion date.			

Topic	Resolution day proposal	By	Virginia Sudbury
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Discussion: Ms. Sudbury outlined her proposal for hearings reserved for self presented parties with motions for orders to show cause or motions for temporary orders. She hoped that clerks would be able to notify self presented parties of lawyers who would represent them for the one hearing for a modest fixed fee. The process would include an opportunity for negotiation and settlement and the opportunity to proffer testimony on issues not resolved.

Judge Baxter asked about limiting the program to only cases in which both parties were self-represented. Ms. Sudbury said she was having second thoughts about that limitation. Judge Baxter asked about the potential for conflicts of interests. Ms. Sudbury said that each party would have the opportunity to hire a limited legal help lawyer. One lawyer would not represent both parties.

Mr. Shea said that clerks may not be able to notify parties of the availability of the lawyers because they are prohibited from doing so by the court's code of conduct. Ms. Chiang said that the SJ Quinney law school also is developing a low bono program.

Judge Thomas asked whether such a program could be integrated with the commissioners' regular law and motion calendars. Ms. Sudbury said she thought batching these types of cases would allow the commissioner to explain the purpose of the hearing only once to the whole group. Judge Thomas suggested that the program would work more efficiently if parties had the opportunity to negotiate before the hearing, rather than as part of the hearing.

Judge Baxter asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to work with Ms. Sudbury to develop the idea. Mr. Anderson, Ms. Ciccarello, Ms. Frank and Judge Thomas volunteered.

Topic	Self-help Center	By	Mary Jane Ciccarello Jessica Van Buren
Discussion: Judge Baxter reported that SB 100 was being sponsored by Sen. Urquhart. If enacted, the legislation would establish and fund the self-help center as a statewide program. Ms. Ciccarello reported on the new forms available on the courts website. She said that the vacancy of one part-time attorney had been filled.			

Topic	Domestic violence webinar	By	Judge John Baxter
Discussion: Judge Baxter reported on the creation of a webinar on domestic violence that is now available through the court's website. The live session was conducted and recorded at the Matheson Courthouse. Three more webinars are planned. Judge Baxter invited any who are interested to attend.			

Topic	Expanded limited legal help categories	By	Tim Shea
Discussion: Mr. Shea reported that the Bar, as part of its directory, is developing a limited legal help option in each of the practice areas. Mr. Anderson objected because listing in the practice areas is limited to lawyers with malpractice insurance. Mr. Mead at the Bar thought the new directory might be available in the Spring.			