

## **Court Visitor Steering Committee July 12, 2011**

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### **(1) Summary of Decisions**

Mr. Johnson reported that volunteers for the judiciary have the same quasi-judicial immunity of court employees. Risk management is responsible for financial damages. The AG and Mr. Johnson provide representation.

The visitor program should include an order from the court appointing the visitor. The judge's charge to the visitor can be as specific as it needs to be, but a general charge is sufficient to show the visitor is acting on the court's behalf.

Recruitment of visitors should include their option to identify the skills they are good at and/or the types of cases they prefer.

The steering committee will consider whether visitors might ever be alone with a protected person or respondent. CASA volunteers are never alone with the child.

### **(2) Summary of Assignments**