

**Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee on
Resources for Self-Represented Parties Meeting Minutes**

Matheson Courthouse
Education Room
September 6, 2019
12:00 PM – 2 PM

Members	In attendance	Excused	Via phone conference
Judge Suchada Bazzelle	X		
Sue Crismon	X		
Monica Fjeldsted			X
Leslie Francis		X	
Nicole Gray	X		
Susan Griffith			X
Carl Hernandez	X		
Judge Catherine Hoskins			
Jacob Kent		X	
Judge Barry Lawrence - Chair	X		
Shawn Newell		X	
Nathanael Player	X		
Charles Stormont	X		
Peter Strand			
Virginia Sudbury		X	
Judge Doug Thomas		X	
Janet Thorpe			X
Jessica Van Buren	X		
Guests	In attendance	Excused	Via phone conference
Ashley Mendoza (U of U Law)	X		
Amy Hernandez (Domestic Violence Program Coordinator)	X		
Rob Jepson (Access to Justice Commission)	X		
Kara Mann (Language Access Program Coordinator)	X		
Justice Christine Durham (Access to Justice Commission)	X		
Judge Richard Mrazik	X		
Staff	In attendance	Excused	Via phone conference
Nancy Sylvester	X		

(1) Welcome and approval of minutes

Judge Lawrence welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves. Judge Lawrence then asked for a motion on the minutes. A motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved.

(2) Discussion of Dress Code Resolution and Draft Rule

Judge Lawrence and Nancy Sylvester addressed this item. Judge Lawrence gave some background on the request for a resolution to the Judicial Council. The Policy and Planning Committee is trying to come up with a dress code in rule. Judge Lawrence highlighted that the devil is in the details. The dress code rule will go on to the Policy and Planning Committee with a recommendation of adoption from this committee. Ms. Sylvester made one small edit (adding halter tops) to the rule based on the discussions.

(3) Update from the Utah State Bar's Access to Justice Commission and Demonstration of New Online Resource

Justice Durham and Rob Jepson addressed this item.

The Access to Justice Summit will take place Oct 22 from 8:00-1:30.

Rob Jepson, Nathanael Player, Sue Crismon, and someone from ULS will explore the template used by Minnesota to create lawhelpmn.org in conjunction with what Mr. Jepson already created and demonstrated at the meeting. The MN website was created with a grant from LSC, which means it's for use by other LSC-funded groups like ULS. The committee expressed interest in having a page like that as a one-stop landing page for all of the available legal resources statewide. The landing page would contain links to the utcourts.gov website, licensedlawyer.org, etc. Using the template rather than linking through licensedlawyer.org would mean we own the content and have the ability to make changes.

(4) Discussion of COSCA Resolution 3 Regarding Cell Phones

Amy Hernandez and Nancy Sylvester addressed this item. Ms. Sylvester said she would draft and circulate a proposal regarding cell phones in the courtroom based on the discussions. But in reviewing the rule the courts already have, she proposed that this is more of an education issue for the bench than a rule change issue. See Rule 4-401.02(3)(B)(i).

(5) Discussion of COSCA Resolution 5 and Court Navigators

Nathanael Player and Nancy Sylvester addressed this item. Carl Hernandez, Ashley Mendoza, Leslie Francis, and Nathanael Player will explore options for undergrads being involved as court navigators. Jessica Van Buren also mentioned using a Hinckley Institute intern for this purpose. She said they could potentially launch a pilot project next semester. Rob Jepson mentioned his connections at Utah State as a potential opportunity, too, once the program is up and going, and Justice Durham mentioned that the Utah Center for Legal Inclusion would be interested in this project. Funding for coordinators could eventually come from the Utah Bar Foundation (in partnership with the A2J Commission).

(6) Subcommittee updates

a. Education:

Judge Lawrence addressed this item and spoke about a proposed required form summons that has warning language about failing to respond along with resources listed. Judge Lawrence and Mr. Player will send a memo and rule to the Civil Rules Committee.

Judge Lawrence asked Professor Hernandez and Ashley Mendoza about presenting to the law students on pro bono. Susan Griffith said she is doing 6 different pro bono events with BYU law students. She will send 4 dates to Judge Lawrence and Professor Hernandez.

b. Outreach:

Sue Crismon addressed this item. She said Shawn Newell has a long list of places to reach out to this fall. Elizabeth Bevington has also helped. Partners in the Park, involves outreach to Spanish-speaking communities. New communities being reached include the Muslim community.

c. Rural Services:

Susan Griffith addressed this item. She said Timpanogos Legal Center is doing a lot on the rural end of things. Clinics are happening throughout the rural areas of the state and they also have remote access. They use Zoom technology.

d. Self-Help Center/Non-lawyer Assistance/Court Updates Subcommittee

Nancy Sylvester, Nathanael Player, and Jessica Van Buren addressed this item.

The Self-Help Center is funded full-time until June 30, 2020. The Judicial Council prioritized one additional staff attorney. Funding for permanent full-time attorneys has gone to a newly formed budget committee.

Ms. Van Buren went over the new LPP forms.

Ms. Sylvester addressed the Regulatory Reform Report and the Probate Subcommittee's work.

Mr. Player addressed the pro se domestic calendars and early intervention. Whenever there is an answer filed, Commissioner Sagers puts it on the pro se calendar for early case resolution. He said we should let Judge Kouris know that we support Com. Sagers's efforts.

Also discussed was one-stop shopping for attorneys to sign up for pro bono work through their Bar portal.

(7) Adjourn:

With no additional items to report, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2019.

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