Agenda

Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Resources for Self-represented Parties

August 13, 2021
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Via Webex

Welcome and approval of June minutes (Tab 1)	Judge Rich Mrazik
Roundtable check-in on emerging issues related to COVID-19	All
Follow up on prior discussions: • CLE credit for pro bono work (Judge Mrazik) • Green phase workgroup update (Judge Mrazik • MyCase (Judge Mrazik) • Recommendations for process simplification	All
Scheduling our next meeting – it currently conflicts with the planned A2J Summit at the Bar	Judge Rich Mrazik
Other business	Judge Rich Mrazik

Next meeting: October 8, 2021

Meeting schedule: Every other month on the second Friday at noon

Tab 1

MINUTES for Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee

on Resources for Self-Represented Parties Summary

Via Webex
June 25, 2021
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Members	In attendance	Excused
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		X
Jacob Kent		X
Judge Richard Mrazik - Chair	X	
Shawn Newell	X	
Judge Katherine Peters		X
Charles Stormont	X	
Peter Strand		X
Virginia Sudbury	X	
Janet Thorpe	X	
Kaden Taylor	X	
Staff	In attendance	Excused
Nathanael Player	X	

1. Shawn Newell moved to approve the previous minutes, Leslie Frances seconded the motion and the committee approved the motion
2. Check-in on emerging issues re: COVID-19
    a. Judge Mrazik is working with a committee exploring what the "new green" looks like - the Judicial Taskforce on Re-opening
    b. Sue Crismon – problems with technical support regarding WebEx and lots of echo – hard to participate in hearings
        i. But WebEx helps people participate
        ii. Being able to sign electronically for people is extremely helpful
    c. → Judge Mrazik reminded the committee that we must focus on the issues related to self-represented litigants
    d. The committee discussed issues with people receiving notice and connecting to Webex
        i. Concerns:
            1. Actual receipt of notice – email goes to junk mail

2. Quality of notice – does it include all information, including who to call for technical issues?

e. Judge Bazzelle noted that Juvenile court is mostly WebEx and is transitioning to hybrid
   i. If it's scheduled for WebEx, it will be that way, but J Bazzelle will be at courthouse
   ii. Scheduling happens at the end of a hearing, addressing concerns regarding notice
   iii. There is a lot= of leeway for Webex appearances
   iv. Breakout sessions can eliminate feedback issues

3. Update on MyCase – MyCase is rolled out statewide for a few select case types
   a. Up to date information on MyCase is available here: https://www.utcourts.gov/mycase/
   b. The Committee discussed the need to work with the Outreach Committee and with Jon Puente in the Office of Fairness and Accountability (OFA) to ensure people know about this resource
      i. But the Self-Rep Committee wants to also support the OFA's work
4. Discussion on Roby's story
   a. The committee talked about the need for:
      i. Empathy and kindness when working with self-represented litigants
      ii. Better education to inform people of court processes
      iii. Better processes that aren't so complicated and counterintuitive
5. NCSC memo on recommendations for process simplification
   a. The proposal is to work to develop this carefully and eventually ask for the Supreme Court to approve of our ideas
   b. This plan requires more consideration:
      i. More discussion from marginalized communities – what is their input?
      ii. NCSC – fills in examples
   c. Nathanael will share the memo with the committee for comment and discussion at the next meeting
6. Proposal for CLE credit for pro bono work
   a. Judge Mrazik will seek buy-in from the A2J Commission and from the MCLE committee in an effort to advance this proposal
   b. He thinks there IS support from the Judicial Council and the Board of District Court Judges