



Ad Hoc Committee on High Volume Case Filings

Hon. Charles Stormont, Chair

February 11, 2026

12:00 – 1:00

Judicial Council Room – Matheson Courthouse

Virtual & In-person

1. Welcome

Judge Stormont opened the meeting with welcome remarks.

2. Legislative Efforts

- Senator Cullimore is working on a bill that would create a new court for debt collection and evictions. Judge Stormont and Judge Petit gave feedback on the draft bill. If that bill passes, that could mean a pivot for what this committee works on. Senator Cullimore mentioned recently that this new court may need its own special set of rules.

3. Committee Purpose

- The supreme court received proposals in recent years to revise the 10-day summons in debt collection cases and to work on high volume cases types. High volume case types typically have at least one side self-represented. In that type of case, the adversarial procedural rules, like discovery and evidence, do not work towards justice but can have an adverse effect. There is an asymmetry in skill, knowledge, and ability. There is little engagement by self-represented parties. There is also an increase in work by the courts in these types of cases.
- Efforts to address this set of issues were paused while the judicial branch's strategic plan was developed and adopted.
- There is a balance to find between judicial/court efficiencies and the fairness & efficiencies for all litigants (debtors and creditors). Efforts should not create unfairness for one side over the other.
- Anticipated outcomes are intentionally open-ended. There could be a report and recommendations. We can draft rules to consider. And while the supreme court has its

authority over rules and procedures, other areas may need AOC and other governance engagement.

4. 10-day summons and repository/database

- The committee explained the 10-day summons for Brody and identified the problems with it: it looks like spam; answers get filed before the complaint is filed; and people call for information but there is no case yet. The committee explained the idea for a repository or database with Brody and the need for it to generate a tracking number that can go to the debtor and be searchable by court staff. The system is possible, but the barriers are time and money. Projects right now are about 18 months out and can be pushed further where there are competing priorities. There was some discussion on if MyCase could play a role. There was some discussion of using grant funds to use as one-time funds for refinements and enhancements.

5. Additional Discussion

- ODR could play a role in this. Heather affirmed that there would be mediators available for all eviction cases. To fully staff debt collection may encounter resource constraints but there is capacity for more mediations.
- Megan noted that we should likely hear from some debtors about how they experience these cases. We could do that by invitation or via some surveys.

6. Action items

- Send any follow up ideas.
- Bordy and team are invited to the next meeting.