



Ad Hoc Committee on High Volume Case Filings

Hon. Charles Stormont, Chair

August 19, 2026 – Minutes

12:00 – 1:00

Hybrid: Judicial Council Room & WebEx

1. Welcome

- Judge Stormont opened the meeting.
- Meetings from the August 12 meeting will be deferred to the next meeting.

2. Update from S.B. 270 Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee had a lengthy discussion of IT needs for the new division, including how to automate hearing notices which would save clerical time.
- That committee also learned more about community justice advocates (CJAs) to help with capacity in the statewide division. The ATJ office currently provides services for the consolidated calendars in the Third District, but a statewide effort may be different. CJAs increase in number each year, with about 50 by the end of 2026 and double that by the end of 2027 via USU's program.
- There was some discussion of LPPs and CJA differences.
- As people practice more in this division, based on the experiences in the consolidated calendars, the mediators or other service providers become more fluent in how each creditor prefers to work on and resolve matters.
- Heather noted that the mediation program has ample capacity and is available to assist. That group already works on evictions and housing-related debt and can pivot to expand service to the debt collection matters in the division.
- There was some discussion on the capacity of the bar's ATJ office. The Steering Committee has concerns about its capacity. This would be an appropriate topic for a joint meeting with the Steering Committee, to here from the stakeholders and address Steering Committee concerns about

capacity of the various programs and how they fit together in the overall program.

- There was some discussion about the value of MyCase and how to make mediation efforts mandatory, as in ODR.

3. Procedural Rules

- The group discussed the Complaints Plus process and the Steering Committee's concern about the delayed filing fee. The new process will be presented to the Utah Supreme Court on August 26.
- The group discussed what would be needed in an Answer. The term Answer will be removed. The only requirement will be to file something that indicates participation in the case and provides contact information. There was also some discussion about check the box answer forms and whether they encourage counterclaims or allow for the right counterclaims.

4. Action Items

- Subcommittee meetings for rule drafting will be set in the interim.