

Virtual Court Proceedings Committee

June 25, 2021

Present: Chief Judge St. Peter, Chief Judge Berens, Judge Karen Torline, Ellen House, Amanda Truan, Katherine Oliver, Kim Schwartz, Stephanie Gerken, Marilyn Targos, Chris Joseph, Angela Meyer

Staff: John Houston, Amber Smith

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Introduction of New Committee Members

Chief Justice Luckert issued an administrative order appointing Christopher Joseph, a Topeka and Kansas City area attorney, and Angela Meyer, a Pittsburg attorney to the committee. Mr. Joseph and Ms. Meyer introduced themselves to the committee and shared information about their respective law practice.

Committee Status and Goals

Judge St. Peter provided an update on the purpose of this committee and goals identified from discussion and guidance on judicial branch-wide goals received from Chief Justice Luckert as the branch transitioned out of pandemic response.

Data Gathering Subcommittee

Ellen House provided a summary of surveys completed by the data gathering subcommittee and identified areas where future surveys may benefit. Judge St. Peter provided an update on conversations with appellate jurists on the topic of procedural justice in remote proceedings, and an opportunity to pilot a research effort by National Center for State Courts. The committee agreed the present effort of the data gathering subcommittee is complete.

Hybrid Hearing Guidelines

Judge Berens discussed draft documents circulated relevant to hybrid proceedings.

New Subcommittee Assignments

Judge St. Peter shared assignments to new subcommittees to establish procedural rules for the remote party appearance and taking testimony:

- Technical standards and guidelines
 - Chair: Judge Roush
 - Members: Judge Berens, Jennifer Olson, Marilyn Targos
- Securing testimony; procedure
 - Chair: Amanda Truan
 - Members: Chris Joseph, Kim Schwartz, Doug Hamilton, Jennifer Leach, Amber Smith
- Remote appearances; standards
 - Chair: Judge Torline

- Members: Angela Meyer, Ellen House, Stephanie Gerken, Katherine Oliver, John Houston

Zoom Advisory Group

Judge Torline gave an update on the Zoom Advisory Group and solicited questions or comments to take back to the group.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next meeting is tentatively set for August 5.