



Innovation Committee

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Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: REMOTE CALL VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Mag. Molly Briles, Hon. Steve Creason, Mary DePrez, Charles Dunlap, Hon. Kim Hall, Bill Henderson, Hon. Andrew Hopper, Michael Moore (as designee of Bernice Corley). Chris Naylor, Hon. Jaime Oss, Bob Rath, Joe Skeel, Brad Skolnik, Hon. Leanna Weissmann.

Staff: Leslie Dunn, Kate Mead, Brendan O'Connor, Janelle O'Malley, Amanda Wishin

Minutes

The December 11, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Recap of regulatory reform workshop and next steps

Bob Rath presented a summary of the brainstorm session held on December 16, 2024. The group was made up of members of the Innovation Committee, Legal Future Commission, guests (Jessica Bednarz, Antonio Coronado, Lucy Ricca, Scott Wiley), and staff. The group was divided into three smaller groups and then was asked to brainstorm:

- What benefits can be achieved by implementing programs like allied legal professionals and community-based justice workers?
- What would be the possible mechanisms for making pilot recommendations to the regulatory sandbox?
- How should the success of the pilot recommendations be measured?

The three groups shared their top ideas and then the attendees were invited to add stickers to provide input on the ideas - good (green) or bad (red). To wrap up, the group was asked to identify their top ideas (blue). The top ideas were:

- early intervention and avoid court altogether
- build academic partnerships and relationships with established programs
- require data collection that would facilitate qualitative and quantitative evaluation

Prof. Henderson presented a "strawman version" for discussion on creating a foundational infrastructure of limited license legal professionals. In the first phase, lawyers would do the training and supervising; only certain employers would be eligible. Phase 2 would be building a credentialing model to scale production of limited license legal professionals. Phase 3 would be limited expansion to private law firms. The two types of limited licenses suggested were:

- Limited license legal technician would have no courtroom role, but scope based on completion of micro-certifications in low complexity, high volume areas. They would have a lawyer supervisor. This can be used to enable community justice workers.
- Limited license legal practitioners would be credentialed for court, employed by legal service nonprofit with lawyer supervisor (can be a pro bono volunteer).

He also suggested that there be a registry of attorneys interested in being legal supervisors and that the initial focus of legal clients is above legal aid eligible, but lower class and middle class.

In February, the Committee will design the process for evaluating and approving ideas.

Future Meetings

February 13, 2025 (in person)

February 26, 2025 (virtual) – if necessary to finalize legal regulatory sandbox report

April 9, 2025 (virtual)

May 14, 2025 (virtual)

June 11, 2025 (in person)

August 13, 2025 (virtual)

October 8, 2025 (virtual)

December 10, 2025 (in person)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 2:01 p.m.



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DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: REMOTE CALL VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Mag. Molly Briles, Mary DePrez, Charles Dunlap, Justin Forkner, Bill Henderson, Hon. Kim Hall, Hon. Andrew Hopper, Hon. Dustin Houchin, Michael Moore (as designee of Bernice Corley). Chris Naylor, Hon. Jaime Oss, Alex Pittman, Bob Rath, Joe Skeel, Hon. Stephen Scheele, Brad Skolnik, Hon. Leanna Weissmann.

Staff: Leslie Dunn, Kate Mead, Janelle O’Malley, Amanda Wishin

Minutes

The January 8, 2025 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Designing and implementing legal regulatory reform

Questions or issues to clarify:

Timing

- When would each of the individual pilots end? Would that timeline be up to the individual?
- What would be the deadline for people to submit ideas? Should proposals be evaluated in batch twice a year or quarterly to facilitate management of schedule and budget?
- Does the regulatory sandbox itself have an end date?

Funding

- Should those applying address sustainable funding if the pilot is successful?

- Chuck Dunlap noted that Indiana Bar Foundation hopes to reserve funding for this project.

Regulation

- Would regulation be addressed by a current Supreme Court agency?
- Prof. Henderson frames this as building a new infrastructure to solve a problem; the people who are interested in participating are the architects.
- Legislative and executive branch participation – this currently will be addressed within the Supreme Court's rulemaking function. All branches of government are represented in the Legal Future Commission that created this request. This should be noted explicitly in the report.
- What does certification look like? Similar to CLE providers? Some entities would solely certify, some would certify and use allied legal professionals or community-based justice workers, some would only use allied legal professionals or community-based justice workers.
- Do more ex-post regulations need to be explicit?

Other suggestions

- Circuit clerks should be on the list of people who can/should submit ideas. (P. 8 chart)
- Would there be reciprocity for those certified in other states?
- Requested removal of agency names, just "government agencies and offices" (p. 17)

Moving forward

A formal vote will be taken at the February 26th meeting. If Committee members have concerns about the report, they should reach out to Bob Rath prior to the meeting. The deadline for the submission to the Supreme Court is March 1, 2025.

Future Meetings

February 26, 2025 (virtual) – if necessary to finalize legal regulatory sandbox report

April 9, 2025 (virtual)

May 14, 2025 (virtual)

June 11, 2025 (in person)

August 13, 2025 (virtual)

October 8, 2025 (virtual)

December 10, 2025 (in person)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 1:47 p.m.



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Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: REMOTE CALL VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Mag. Molly Briles, Mary DePrez, Charles Dunlap, Bill Henderson, Hon. Andrew Hopper, Michael Moore (as designee of Bernice Corley), Chris Naylor, Hon. Jaime Oss, Alex Pittman, Bob Rath, Hon. Stephen Scheele, Hon. Leanna Weissmann.

Staff: Kate Mead, Janelle O’Malley, Amanda Wishin

Designing and implementing legal regulatory reform

The Committee had been invited to review the initial parameters and vote via online poll prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the parameters provided by Judge Weissmann, seconded by Prof. Henderson, and passed unanimously.

Future Meetings

April 9, 2025 (virtual)

May 14, 2025 (virtual)

June 11, 2025 (in person)

August 13, 2025 (virtual)

October 8, 2025 (virtual)

December 10, 2025 (in person)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 1:07 p.m.



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Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: REMOTE CALL VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Mag. Molly Briles, Mary DePrez, Hon. Kim Hall, Bill Henderson, Hon. Jaime Oss, Hon. Stephen Scheele, Joe Skeel, Brad Skolnik, Hon. Leanna Weissmann.

Guests: Judge Kimberly Bacon, Judge Jennifer DeGroote

Staff: Kate Mead, Janelle O’Malley, Amanda Wishin

Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 13 and 26, 2025 meetings.

Subcommittee report on online dispute resolution (ODR)

The report was presented by committee co-chairs Judge Kimberly Bacon and Judge Jennifer DeGroote, with Janelle O’Malley as staff. The report reviews the use of ODR in small claims, family law, traffic, and criminal misdemeanors. Judge DeGroote discussed her experiences with the small claims ODR pilot. Low engagement was an issue that would be addressed by a mandatory ODR program that allows for opting-out. For traffic, Marion and Lake County use ODR for deferral, but each have different rules for qualification. The Committee suggested amendment of the report to include working with IPAC on creating a default program that could be used more broadly. After discussion, the Committee unanimously approved the amended report to be presented to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Future Meetings

May 14, 2025 (virtual)

June 11, 2025 (in person)

August 13, 2025 (virtual)

October 8, 2025 (virtual)

December 10, 2025 (in person)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 1:45 p.m.



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Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

LOCATION: IN PERSON

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Hon. Sam Conrad, Hon. Steve Creason, Mary DePrez, Justin Forkner, Prof. Bill Henderson, Hon. Dustin Houchin, Hon. Justin McAdam, Michael Moore, Chris Naylor, Hon. Tim Ormes, Alex Pittman, Bob Rath, Hon. Sam Scheele, Joe Skeel, Brad Skolnik, Hon. Leanna Weissmann

Guests: Hon. Aaron Negangard, Hon. Robert Krieg

Staff: Nancy Collins, Robert Kariuki, Kate Mead, Janelle O’Malley, Amanda Wishin

Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meetings.

AI and the Courts: Overview of report by the Rapid Response Team at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC)

Justin Forkner talked through a couple national AI initiatives including a rapid response national taskforce with NCSC, consortium with monthly webinars on various issues, a sandbox for generative AI to test. He noted that Arizona is using AI avatars to report on their Supreme Court opinions to improve public outreach. Mike Moore noted that the Language Access Committee is working with interpreters to do interpretations for advisements.

OJA policy on responsible use of AI

Janelle O'Malley presented the OJA policy on AI. The first phase is a policy for internal use; the second phase is guidance for trial courts to develop their own policies. The guidance will be presented at the September Annual Conference.

Technology Subcommittee Launch

Judge Weissmann, who was the technology chair for the Commission on Legal Future, will chair the Innovation Technology Subcommittee. The Commission on Legal Future identified different ways that technology can aid the legal profession - judicial efficiency tools, document automation tools, expansion of wifi and access to prisoners, public wifi in courtrooms. The new subcommittee will focus on AI and technology for judges in the courtroom. The Committee broke into three teams to brainstorm ideas for the subcommittee to work on.

Future Meetings

October 8, 2025 (Zoom) – statewide court for uncontested expungements.

December 10, 2025 (in-person)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 3:01 p.m.



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Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY: AMANDA WISHIN

Attendance

Committee Members: Justice Derek Molter, Hon. Sam Conrad, Hon. Steve Creason, Mary DePrez, Justin Forkner, Prof. Bill Henderson, Hon. Andrew Hopper, Hon. Dustin Houchin, Hon. Justin McAdam, Michael Moore, Hon. Tim Ormes, Alex Pittman, Bob Rath, Hon. Sam Scheele, Joe Skeel, Brad Skolnik, Hon. Richard Stalbrink, Hon. Leanna Weissmann

Staff: Kate Mead, Rob Love, Janelle O’Malley, Amanda Wishin

Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting.

Update on “Improving efficiencies in expungements” through shared court services

Bob Rath and Amanda Wishin provided an update on the idea suggested by Judge Kristen McVey to improve efficiencies in expungements. They presented using senior judges to issue orders on non-discretionary expungements where no issues arise. The Committee unanimously approved moving forward with this idea. The Committee also brainstormed other case types/orders that could be handled by a senior judge, or by a judge in an underutilized court. The Committee approved exploring protection orders, CDL/traffic cases, and collection cases.

Future Meetings

December 10, 2025, 1-3pm (in-person)

January 14, 1-2pm
February 11, 1-2pm
March 11, 1-2pm
May 13, 1-3pm (in person)
June 10, 1-2pm
August 12, 1-2pm
October 14, 1-2pm
December 9, 1-2pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justice Molter at 1:22 p.m.