



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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.

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### 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.

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June 11, 2025 (in person)

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October 8, 2025 (virtual)

December 10, 2025 (in person)

### Adjournment

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