



Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee  
Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2016

- I. Judge Avery called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members participating: Chair David Avery, Elaine Brown, Jeffrey Edens, Paul Freed, David Northam, Nanette Raduenz, Victoria Ransberger, John Roach, Kim Van Valer, and Randy Williams. All members and guests participated via conference call.

Guest: K. Mark Loyd.

Staff: Michelle Goodman, IJC.

- II. **Meeting Minutes**

The October 23, 2015, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

- III. **IU Research Project**

Members reviewed the materials submitted by Prof. Quintanilla. The members felt the project was well put together and they were pleased with the number of participants in the project. The information presented in the materials was well summarized for the members.

- IV. **Parenting Coordinator Guidelines**

Judge Avery reported that the guidelines were submitted to the Supreme Court for review. The Court requested additional information on the history of this project and the efforts the committee had already undertaken to get to this point. Jen Weber prepared a detailed memorandum for the Court, which was submitted in January.

- V. **ADR Rules**

Judge Avery informed the committee that the proposed changes to the ADR Rules have been posted for public comment on the State Court Administration webpage and the comment period ends April 11<sup>th</sup>. He noted the difference between the posted version and the committee's recommendation on 2.11. The committee discussed the concerns with the current version, specifically that the new text does not clearly address the issues in the Horner v. Carter case and the application of Evidence Rule 408 when balancing the need for confidentiality in ADR processes versus exceptions to admissibility of evidence post mediation. The committee discussed the options and decided to prepare a comment on this change from the entire committee. Judge

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Avery agreed to draft the comment and will circulate it for the committee's review and approval.

VI. **Legislative Update**

Judge Avery discussed SEA 250 that was introduced this session. The bill as initially filed would have outlined definitions and processes related to the use of parenting coordinators. After working with key legislators and educating them on the work of this committee, the bill was amended to have the use of parenting coordinators sent to a summer study committee. This will allow coordination with the proposal currently before the Court. The committee and staff briefly discussed the summer study committee process and the committee requested to be informed of any meetings of the study committee so they can continue to be involved in this dialogue. Members to be specifically notified include Judge Loyd, Judge Van Valer, and Mag. Raduenz.

VII. **2016 Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates were scheduled for the following days: Friday, July 22, 2016; and, Friday, November 4, 2016. All held at the IJC office, beginning at 10:30 AM.

VIII. **Adjourn:** 11:37 a.m.

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