

Judicial Conference Committee Charges and Rosters

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

Survey and compile detailed information about all existing court-supported dispute resolution programs and methods currently in use in the circuit courts of Illinois.

Examine the range of civil and criminal dispute resolution processes utilized in other jurisdictions and make recommendations regarding programs and techniques suitable for adoption in Illinois.

Explore experimental and innovative dispute processing techniques which may offer particular promise for improving resolution options for specialized case types.

Develop and recommend Supreme Court standards for the adoption of various types of dispute resolution programs by the circuit courts, including methods for ongoing evaluation.

Study options for funding court-annexed dispute resolution programs, including appropriate methods for seeking, soliciting, and applying for grants from public or private sources.

Monitor and assess on a continuous basis the performance of circuit court dispute resolution programs approved by the Supreme Court and make regular periodic reports to the Conference regarding their operations.

Suggest broad-based policy recommendations by which circuit courts can be encouraged to integrate alternative dispute resolution programs as part of a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to caseload management.

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The Committee shall:

Monitor and provide recommendations (including standards) on issues affecting the probation system.

Review procedures relating to the annual plan required by Section 204-7 of the Probation and Court Services Act.

Monitor statistical projections of workload. Review the work measurement formula for probation and pretrial services offices and make recommendations on such formula.

Review and comment to the Conference on matters affecting the administration of criminal justice.

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COMMITTEE ON DISCOVERY PROCEDURES

The Committee shall:

Review and make recommendations on discovery matters.

Monitor and evaluate the discovery devices used in Illinois including, but not limited to, depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents or tangible things or inspection of real property, disclosures of expert witnesses, and requests for admission.

Investigate and make recommendations on innovative means of expediting pretrial discovery and ending any abuses of the discovery process.

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STUDY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Committee shall:

Study and make recommendations on detention of juveniles and the screening process used to determine the detention of juveniles by court services personnel.

Study and make recommendations on such other aspects of the juvenile justice system as may be necessary.

Make suggestions on necessary training for judges and court support personnel.

Monitor the implementation of those recommendations of the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice which are approved by the Supreme Court, for the purpose of refining and reinforcing the study committee's recommendations.

Prepare supplemental updates to the juvenile law benchbook for submission to the Executive Committee of the Conference for approval for appropriate distribution.

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STUDY COMMITTEE ON COMPLEX LITIGATION

The Committee shall:

Study and make recommendations for procedures to reduce the cost and delay attendant to lengthy civil and criminal trials.

Make recommendations concerning problems typically associated with protracted litigation.

Study and disseminate information about practices and procedures that Illinois judges have found successful in bringing complex cases to fair and prompt disposition.

Prepare revisions or updates as necessary for the *Manual for Complex Litigation* which shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval for appropriate distribution to Illinois judges.

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COMMITTEE ON AUTOMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Committee shall:

Evaluate, monitor, coordinate and make recommendations on automation systems of the judiciary.

Develop broad automation goals, objectives and priorities.

Develop policies which will promote the effective and efficient use and expansion of automation in the courts which may include, if feasible, the development of formats for the automated reporting of statistical data for annual reports.

Coordinate the development of a long range plan for automation in the judiciary, including planning for automation expansion and the incorporation of new technologies into the courts.

Make policy recommendations on issues such as public access to information contained in the judiciary's automated systems.

Assess the adequacy of resources to support the automation program.

Evaluate all aspects of computer-assisted legal research and make recommendations as necessary.

Prepare estimated costs of all recommendations and an analysis of cost effectiveness of each recommendation.

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Committee shall:

Develop a long-term plan for state-wide judicial education and short-term plans for judicial education. In formulating these plans the Committee shall include, as part of its considerations, emerging sociological, cultural, medical, and technical issues that impact upon the process of judicial decision making and administration.

Be responsible for identifying the training needs of the judiciary; make budget projections and recommendations for continuing judicial education throughout the state on an annual basis; recommend educational topics, faculty and program formats; and perform an analysis of the cost effectiveness of judicial education programs.

Develop a procedure and criteria for approving programs that are offered by organizations or individuals other than those planned by the Committee on Education.

Develop and recommend for the Supreme Court standards for continuing judicial education and a method of recording the attendance of judicial officers at judicial education programs.

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