Agenda Committee on Resources for Self-represented Parties

October 8, 2010 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts Scott M. Matheson Courthouse 450 South State Street Judicial Council Room, Suite N31

| Introduction of Judge Michael DiReda | | |
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| Introduction of Carol Frank | | Judge John Baxter |
| | | Mary Jane Ciccarello |
| Self Help Center | | Jessica Van Buren |
| Website and forms development | Tab 1 | Tim Shea |
| Unbundling efforts with the bar | | Tim Shea |
| Public clinics and workshops: Develop online | | |
| training | | Jessica Van Buren |
| Strategic planning | Tab 2 | Tim Shea |

Committee Web Page: http://www.utcourts.gov/committees/ProSe/

Meeting Schedule: Matheson Courthouse, 12:00 to 1:30, Judicial Council Room

October 8, 2010
February 11, 2011 (Education Room)
May 13, 2011 (Education Room)
August 12, 2011
November 18, 2011 (Education Room)

Tab 1

Webpages and Forms

(1) Progress since last meeting

- Template for motion practice before court commissioners
- Petition to Expunge Records
- Modifying a Parent-time Order
- Motion to Appoint Parent Coordinator
- Default Judgment
- Lawsuits Involving Military Service Members
- Service Member Attorney Volunteers
- How to File a Motion (Approved but not yet published)
- Modifying Child Custody (Review by Board in October)
- Adopting a Minor Step-child (Review by Board in November)

(2) Planned

(a) Priority

- Petition to Recognize a Non-solemnized Marriage
- Motion to Appoint Child-Custody Evaluator
- Landlord/Tenant

(b) Petition Topics

- Petition to Modify Divorce Decree
- Petition to Unseal Adoption File
- Petition to Annul Marriage
- Petition for Temporary Separation
- Petition for Judicial Review of Final Agency Action (informal adjudicative proceedings)

(c) Motion Topics

- Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment
- Motion for Alternative Service (Part of adoption forms)
- Motion to Vacate Dismissal and Reinstate Petition
- Motion to Reschedule Hearing
- Motion to Appear by Telephone

- Motion to Appoint a Guardian ad Litem
- Motion to Change Venue
- Motion to Classify Court Records as Private
- Motion for Order Nunc Pro Tunc

(d) Juvenile Court Topics

- Petition to Modify Custody
- Petition to Terminate Parental Rights (private petition)

(e) Probate Topics

- Informal probate (with will)
- Informal probate (without will)
- Guardian and Conservator materials conforming to new statutes and rules

(f) Miscellaneous

- Notice of Limited Appearance (URCP 75).
- Debt collection cases

(3) Done

- Self-Help Front Page
- Answer
- Default Judgment
- Fees and Fee Waiver
- Going to Court (English and Spanish)
- How to Collect a Judgment
- Lawsuits Involving Military Service Members
- Modifying a Parent-time
- Modifying Child Support
- Motion to Appoint Parent Coordinator
- Motion to Waive 90-day Waiting Period
- Motion to Waive Divorce Education
- Non-public Records
- Parenting Plans
- Petition to Expunge Records (Adult and Juvenile)

- Petition to Register a Foreign Custody or Support Order
- Service Member Attorney Volunteers
- Small Claims (English and Spanish)
- <u>Summons</u>
- Writ of Execution
- Writ of Garnishment

Tab 2

Strategic Plan Review

| | Objective | Status |
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| 1. | Staff a Self Help Center. | SHC services available in Districts 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8. Spanish language available. |
| 2. | Develop court-sponsored clinics and workshops. | Classes on small claims, collecting a judgment, guardianships, self help resources, landlord-tenant, mediation. Develop online module. |
| 3. | Promote the state law library as a resource for self-represented parties. | Family law clinic back up. Information center. Training for public library staff. Develop online module. |
| 4. | Develop forms most needed by self-represented parties. | Continual work in progress. |
| 5. | Study how best to meet the needs of self- represented parties through the court's website. | Recommend eliminating this objective. Using impressions from the SHC to develop priority list. |
| 6. | Train clerks and judges on the needs of self-represented parties and effectively responding to those needs. | Continual work in progress. Develop online module. |
| 7. | Study how community service organizations can assist in providing selfhelp information. | Social Services Network |
| | Promote clinics and workshops, low-fee and no-fee legal representation, and unbundled legal services among the legal community. | Unbundled legal services: Multiple CLE sessions. Delegation to the Bar Commission to expand categories in the database and website; improve marketing with lawyers as a way to do business; improve marketing with the public as a way to hire lawyers. Consumer law clinic. Salt Lake City Public Library. 4th Thursday of each month SCRA |
| 9. | Promote a legal service organization to recruit lawyers to provide such services and to raise and distribute funds to do so. | |