

Minutes	Committee on Resources for Self Represented Parties				
Meeting Date	February 8, 2013		Meeting Room	Conference Room B/C	
Committee Member	Present	Excused	Committee Member	Present	Excused
Fred Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge Scott Johansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judge John Baxter, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jose Lazaro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Russ Minas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emily Chiang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shauna O'Neil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Jane Ciccarello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Procarione	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stewart Ralphs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judge Michael DiReda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Sudbury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Frank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge Douglas Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Jeffs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Van Buren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff	Tim Shea				

Topic	Approve minutes of November 30, 2012	By	Judge Baxter
Motion: Approve as prepared.		By	Acclimation
Vote:	Yes   All   No   Abstain	Pass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Pass <input type="checkbox"/>

Topic	What's next?	By	Tim Shea
<p>Discussion: Mr. Shea said that he would like the committee to discuss what next steps the committee wants to focus on. He summarized the tasks remaining from the previous two strategic plans. He said that efforts to improve forms and efforts to improve education would continue. If the committee wants more or a faster pace, then we would need more resources.</p> <p>Ms. Sudbury said that electronic filing for self represented parties would be beneficial, and suggested that the law library and self help center would be major players. Ms. Van Buren said that e-filing for self represented parties through OCAP is already an objective, but there is no estimated completion date. She said that a planned feature of the OCAP interview is to provide to the user contact information for the self help center.</p> <p>Ms. Ciccarello suggested that the self help center could review documents before filing to make sure that they are complete. Ms. Sudbury said that document review should not include evaluation of content or merit. Judge DiReda said that medical malpractice claims have to be screened before they can be filed, and asked whether there might be a similar process for papers from self represented parties. He described a recent circumstance in which a self represented litigant had presented incoherent pleadings. Ms. Collins said that she sees incoherent pleadings from self represented parties on a regular basis.</p> <p>Mr. Minas suggested that private lawyers could prepare and review documents as well as give advice</p>			

about content and merit, although the self help center could not give advice. Professor Chiang asked whether lawyers would be able to obtain liability insurance for this volunteer work. She said that the S.J. Quinney Law School has a program for using third year law students in pro bono cases.

After more discussion, the committee decided to further investigate the possibility of using lawyers and third year law students to prepare and review documents for self represented parties.

Professor Chiang suggested video presentations to supplement our current public education efforts. The committee discussed the advantages and limitations and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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