

MINUTES

**Supreme Court's Advisory Committee
on the Rules of Appellate Procedure**

Administrative Office of the Courts
450 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-0241

August 15, 2001 - 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Todd Utzinger
George Haley
Fred Voros
Joan Watt
Julianne Blanch
Fred Metos
Matty Branch

EXCUSED

Larry Jenkins
Karra Porter
Clark Nielsen
David Arrington

STAFF

Brent Johnson

I. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Todd Utzinger welcomed the Committee members to the meeting. Fred Voros moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Matty Branch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. RULE 29

Matty Branch reported on the recommendations from appellate court staff. Appellate staff stated that they did not think the oral argument or case classification rule was necessary. Ms. Branch stated that the staff attorneys would prefer something similar to the cover sheet that is used in trial court cases.

Fred Voros commented that the rules no longer are a benefit to practitioners and therefore should be eliminated. Fred Voros moved to repeal Rule 29, on oral argument, and any cross references to the rule that currently exist in the Code. Fred Metos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROPOSED FORMS PROCESS

Staff explained that the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council are proposing a forms process where all approved forms will be found on the court's website. These organizations are looking for approval from the advisory committees to put the approved forms on the website. By agreeing to

have the forms on the website, the committees would also agree to review of the forms by the Judicial Council. The Committee ultimately agreed to putting the forms on the website, but also keeping the forms in the Code of Judicial Administration. Fred Metos suggested that the Code of Judicial Administration should include a cross reference to the website in the event that there are more recent changes that appear in this area.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURN

The Committee discussed the fact that there currently is no other pending business. Fred Voros stated that he has several items that he can discuss at the next meeting. The Committee decided to schedule the next meeting for October 17, 2001 at noon. Matty Branch mentioned that Judge Greg Orme, of the Court of Appeals, will be a new Committee member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.