

Agenda

Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Resources for Self-represented Parties

February 11, 2022
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Via Webex: <https://utcourts.webex.com/meet/mrazik>

Welcome and review of agenda	Judge Rich Mrazik
Approval of minutes – Tab 1	All
Review of Utah landscape for self-represented litigants – Tab 2 (you are welcome to have your cameras for this portion)	Nathanael Player
Brainstorm and facilitated discussion	
Introduction	Nini Rich
Review of why our committee is valuable	All
Review of where our committee has fallen short	All
Brainstorm	All

Self-Rep Committee meeting schedule: second Friday of every other month at noon.

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June 10, 2022

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December 9, 2022

Tab 1

**MINUTES for Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee
on Resources for Self-Represented Parties Summary**

Via Webex
January 7, 2022
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Name	Position	Attended	Excused
Honorable Rich Mrazik	District court judge and chair	X	
Honorable Ann Marie Mciff Allen	District court judge	X	
Honorable Annette Jan	Juvenile court judge	X	
Honorable Katherine Peters	Justice court judge		X
Honorable Danalee Welch-O'Donnal	Justice court judge	X	
Nicole Gray	Appellate clerk of court	X	
Shannon Treseder	Urban clerk of court		X
Janet Thorpe	Rural clerk of court	X	
Nathanael Player	Self-Help Center representative	X	
Charles Stormont	Utah State Bar	X	
Peter Strand	Legal services organization that serves low-income clients	X	
Marcus Degen	Legal services organization that serves low-income clients	X	
Alison Satterlee	Private attorney	X	
Professor Leslie Francis	Law school representative		X
Bethany Jennings	Law school representative		X
Kaden Taylor	State law librarian	X	
Shawn Newell	Community representative	X	
Brooke Robinson	Community representative	X	
Amy Hernandez	Ex Officio Domestic Violence Coordinator	X	
Kara Mann	Ex Officio Language Access Coordinator		X
Pamela Beatse	Ex Officio Utah State Bar Access to Justice Office		X
Nancy Sylvester	Guest – Utah State Bar	X	

1. Judge Mrazik welcomed new members and invited everyone to introduce themselves.
2. Charles Stormont moved to approve the December minutes and Shawn Newell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. Judge Mrazik reviewed the committee's mandate under CJA 3-115 and reviewed prior accomplishments of the committee
 - a. Expansion of pro se calendars
 - b. Promoting a balanced use of remote hearings
 - c. Supporting MyCase – the self-represented litigant portal
 - d. Establishing the need for, and creating the Self-Help Center
 - e. Coordinating services during COVID
 - f. Rule changes to require bilingual summonses and add short URLs and QR codes to our forms
 - g. Rule changes allow parties to access the courts, regardless of their appearance
4. The committee reviewed what they have been working on
 - a. Surveys to gather feedback on Webex hearings from self-represented litigants
 - b. Removing barriers to accessing the courts
 - c. Continuing the expansion of pro se calendars
 - d. CLE credit for pro bono work
5. The committee discussed having a facilitated discussion regarding what the group should prioritize next. Judge Mrazik will ask Nini Rich to help facilitate a discussion at an upcoming meeting
6. The committee talked about opportunities for future intervention, including
 - a. Training for court staff
 - b. Procedural improvements
 - c. Difficulties accessing the court, especially given basic infrastructural challenges like telecommunications ability
 - d. The tension between access to the courts and access to counsel
7. Nancy Sylvester updated the committee on the pending rule to give lawyers CLE credit for pro bono work
 - a. The current proposal is for 2 hours max of CLE credit for 5 hours of pro bono work, provided that pro bono programs are court or Bar sponsored
 - i. This would be a 2 year pilot project
 - b. Members of the committee expressed concerns about limiting the credit to just the court and the bar – having the rule be expansive on that front seems important
 - c. Nancy plans to try to attend the next MCLE board meeting and to ask for a more expansive approach. Charles Stormont, Brooke Robinson, and Alison Saterlee plan to attend with Nancy.
8. People's Legal Aid is hiring for two staff attorneys to help with evictions – if you know anyone who is hiring, please encourage them to apply. TLC is also hiring for a part-time family law attorney.

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