

Self Rep Committee Minutes 6/1/2023

Present:

Dawn Hautamaki
Shawn Newell
Kaden Taylor
Judge Richard Mrazik
Alison Satterlee
Charles Stormont
Judge Anne Marie McIlff Allen
Judge Danalee Welch-O'Donnal
Brooke Robinson
Judge Jan

Excused:

Nicole Gray
Leslie Francis

Can't approve minutes because of a lack of quorum. We will approve the minutes for April next meeting.

Dawn Hautamaki introduced herself.

Roundtable:

Allison: She works with pro se calendars in the courts. She feels both in person and virtual pro se calendar hearings are effective.

Charles Stormont: He is getting a lot of AI questions from clients: form generation, etc. People question why they need to come into a clinic and why we haven't just designed AI to answer their questions. Our OCAP problem (and MyCase in the future) largely serve this purpose.

Judge McIlff Allen: She sees a fair amount of people who want to represent themselves for ideological reasons. They have the right to do this, but it raises concerns especially in criminal cases. People will refuse pro se attorneys considering them part of the corrupt government. It would be nice if we could educate people about the independence and value of defense counsel.

Judge Welch-O'Donnal: Folks seem to be happy with small claims and the accessibility of the process. IT offered 8 extra self-help kiosks for justice courts and they were all claimed immediately.

Judge Jan: She sees more self-represented litigants than she would like in Juvenile Court. Not all case types have a right to appointed counsel, such as the verified petition for custody cases

