

# Agenda

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

May 9, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Welcome and review of agenda	Judge Rich Mrazik
Approval of February meeting minutes	Judge Rich Mrazik
Roundtable updates	All
Update re: legal navigators	Judge Rich Mrazik
Update re: community voice in the courts	Nathanael Player
Update re: debt collection reforms	Nathanael Player

The Self-Rep Committee meets at noon (via Webex) on the first Thursday of every other month (we rescheduled the April meeting due to scheduling conflicts). Meetings are scheduled for:

June 6, 2024

August 2, 2024

October 3, 2024

December 5, 2024

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

*Via Webex*  
February 1, 2024  
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 Danalee Welch-O’Donnal	Justice court judge		X
Honorable Jeri Allphin	Justice court judge	X	
Nicole Gray	Appellate clerk of court	X	
Shannon Treseder	Urban clerk of court		X
Dawn Hautamaki	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
Alison Satterlee	Private attorney	X	
Professor Leslie Francis	Law school representative	X	
Professor Beth Jennings	Law school representative	X	
Kaden Taylor	State law librarian	X	
Shawn Newell	Community representative		X
Brooke Robinson	Community representative	X	

**Guests:**

Megan Connelly

Katsí Peña

Sandra Carpaio

**Approval of December meeting minutes**

Brookee Robinson moved to approve the minutes and Alison Satterlee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Roundtable updates**

- TLC is hiring
- Need for more resources in family law – there were a lot of domestic violence cases at the start of the year
- We are feeling a lack of resources in rural areas – especially pro/low bono resources
  - It would be nice if people could understand how impactful having counsel can be in a legal case
- The Utah State Law Library is exploring what other resources they could bring into their space at the Matheson courthouse
- Utah 2-1-1 is shifting from providing referrals to resource navigation
- We are feeling the loss of People’s Legal Aid
- Service via US mail and email often fails – other methods, such as text messaging, might make more sense
  - → we should revisit this question of notice being a problem
    - At case initiation
    - After case initiation
    - → it is probably connected to a lack of understanding
    - Could the court proactively send information?
- Pro se calendars are busy
- Pro bono recruitment is underway
- The court is restarting its virtual hearing workgroup
- There appears to be a gap in resources for people who have a Jail Release Agreement – there are not forms available to ask for this to be dismissed and it is not clear how an alleged victim could seek dismissal
- Making more information available in audio/video formats could be helpful to reach different kinds of learners
- There has been a drop in volunteerism on the family law pro se calendar
  - The scale of the problem for the litigant is significant, but manageable in terms of resource allocation
- There is a pilot appellate pro bono program running for a year
- Thee sandbox is planning to start accepting applications soon

### **Inviting non-lawyer community members to speak to the committee about legal issues they see upstream**

- Should we invite social workers and other social service providers who see issues come talk to us in both criminal and civil contexts?

Generally, the group expressed enthusiasm for this endeavor.

A FAQ for social service providers could be worthwhile

### **Update re: community voice in the courts**

The Council was supportive of this plan and we propose to add 2 seats on most Council committees. Plan is to start with enthusiastic committees and then move from there. There are several seats to fill and this will take some time.

### **Considering reforms to debt collection cases**

Feedback on presentation

- Concerns might not be valid in SLC versus other locations