

# Agenda

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

August 1, 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 June meeting minutes	Judge Rich Mrazik
Roundtable updates	All
Scheduling an in-person meeting to discuss other priorities for this committee	Judge Rich Mrazik
What kinds of community voices (non-lawyers) do we want to regularly invite to share with us?	Discussion: all
Contracting with lawyers to help cover calendars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For existing consolidated pro se calendars</li><li>- For new rural calendars to cover legal deserts</li></ul>	Discussion: all

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:

October 3, 2024      December 5, 2024

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

*Via Webex*  
June 13, 2024  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Honorable Rich Mrazik	District court judge and chair	X	
<i>Position vacant</i>	District court judge		
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	
Megan Conelly	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	
Sandra Carpaio	Social Services Org	X	

**Guests:**

Maya Robson

Megan Connelly

Nora Law

Katsí Peña

Feb and May minutes:

Judge Allphin moved to approve the minutes and Alison Satterlee seconded the motion.

#### **Roundtable updates:**

- We have seen some OCAP anomalies
- MyCase appears to be growing in popularity and consuming more time for staff at the Law Library
- MyPaperwork (which will eventually replace OCAP) is expected to launch this summer for petitioners in divorce cases and is a major push for the Self-Help Center and the Law Library
- The OFA is with outreach efforts
- The Community Voice in the Courts project is close to wrapping up with the work of reviewing the proposal and formalizing a rule for the Council
- The Access to Justice Summit will be Friday, 10/4/24
  - It will focus on avoiding burnout and trauma-informed care
- Utah Legal Services is expected to hire a coordinator to help with outreach to help defendants on Judge Parker's immediate occupancy calendar to provide brief advice and connection to social services such as rental assistance and housing
- The appellate pro bono project is up and running but it's unclear how widely used it is
- TLC is busy and hoping to recruit volunteers to help with their document clinic

#### **Update from Legal Deserts Conference:**

- The National Center for State Courts hosted a conference on legal deserts for western states
- Legal deserts are areas where there is a deficiency of lawyers (there should be about 1 lawyer for every 1,000 people) and there is a lack of access to other legal help (such as a lack of internet access)
- Representation in debt collection cases has shown to provide better outcomes – the pro se calendar is successful in this regard
- Other states provide financial incentives for lawyers to practice remotely
- GIS data can be used to help understand where legal deserts are and the unique challenges of that community
- → would it make sense to hire lawyers to staff some calendars and help out remotely?
- → starting at high school and elementary school levels to help young people see pathways to becoming a lawyer could be helpful
  - There may be a fear of attorneys because of financial concerns and other issues

#### **Update re: SRLN Conference**

- Results from session proposals should be out
  - Reminder – the conference will be on 9/19 and 9/20
  - It will be a chance to learn about what other states are doing in this area

#### **Discussion of what kinds of voices we would like to hear from as a committee**

- Every month or so we should hear from people in the community who are not lawyers about the legal needs they see their communities facing

- This might happen where one person comes to share their perspective at each meeting

**Thinking about scheduling another session about the focus of the committee**

- We would like to have Nini Rich come back to present in the early fall for another facilitated discussion
- We should free ourselves to talk about what is and isn't working and ask whether we have made any meaningful change in the past several years
- The group is generally open to having that meeting in-person