

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

March 30, 2006
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Conference Call 602-542-9007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Hurwitz, *Chair*
Robert Brutinel, *General Jurisdiction*
Karl Heckart, *AOC*
Jeanne Hicks, *Clerks*
Donald Jacobson, *Court Administrators*
Michael Jeanes, *Clerks*
Dennis Lusk, *Limited Jurisdiction*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donna Killoughey Bird, *State Bar*

GUESTS

Summer Dalton, *Apache Junction*

AOC STAFF

Stewart Bruner, *ITD*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Justice Hurwitz welcomed members to the call at about 1:33 p.m. and took the roll of those present. He reviewed the outcome of the presentation to Commission on Technology (COT) at its March 3 meeting. The direction and principles were approved by COT with a change in semantics from “multiple vendor” to “multiple provider.”

What remains for us now is to create the roadmap and “to-do” list for making e-filing a reality, returning to COT with a consolidated list of needs, then chartering the teams of doers to address the individual issues and functional solutions.

DISCUSSION ABOUT NEXT STEPS

Justice Hurwitz proposed that members convene teams at the various jurisdictional levels to brainstorm the specific needs and obstacles that must be overcome and where the largest return on investment exists. Members discussed the fact that two levels of jurisdiction are relatively easy to characterize, Appellate Courts and Superior Court, while the other, Limited Jurisdiction, is far more complicated and diverse. The Judicial Conference’s half-day session was suggested as a forum for discussing with the court community. It may be more realistic to have a small group produce a vision and idea list which would be reviewed and supplemented by the larger group at the June 21-23 judicial conference.

Justice Hurwitz proposed that the teams report back to the e-court subcommittee prior to the judicial conference, in case further input needs to be gathered from the larger body of judges, clerks, and court administrators at the June conference. His goal is to identify common issues, produce aspirational timelines, compile “to-do” lists, and report back to COT at their September 8th meeting.

Members discussed how to include justice partners in the process; the issue of multiple stakeholder interaction, especially across branches; whom to include as LJ court representatives since it's not feasible to include everyone from LJ courts around the state; dealing with rules affected; and concerns that the groups might devolve into determining technology solutions, e.g., e-signature, rather than sticking to the objectives.

We will skip next month's meeting and re-convene in mid May to hear reports on progress from the subteams and formulate a strategy for the judicial conference, if necessary.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Justice Hurwitz will speak with Chief Justice McGregor regarding the possibility of devoting a session to the e-court topic at the June 21-23 judicial conference.
- Justice Hurwitz will speak with State Bar representatives about their involvement.
- Justice Hurwitz will convene the Appellate Court subgroup with help from Karl and Stewart.
- The Superior Court members of the subcommittee (Michael Jeanes, Judge Brutinel, and Jeanne Hicks) will expand to include representatives from all court disciplines (judges, clerks, administrators) in their meetings. They will let Justice Hurwitz know if a supporting letter from the Chief will be required.
- For the Limited Jurisdiction subgroup, Judge Lusk will speak with David Widmaier of the Justice of the Peace Association. Justice Hurwitz will also speak with Paul Julian. With help from Don Jacobson, they will determine the best representative group to convene and the most effective way to gather input from those individuals.

After verifying that subcommittee members had no further business to discuss, Justice Hurwitz adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.