

# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CASE MANAGEMENT

**Honorable Jerome J. Metz, Jr.**

Hamilton County Common Pleas Court  
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Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas  
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### **Meeting Minutes**

May 15, 2020

#### **Committee Members Present (telephonically):**

Judge Craig R. Baldwin  
Elizabeth Blakley  
Russell Brown, Esq.  
Judge Beth Cappelli  
Judge Laura Gallagher  
Judge Michael T. Hall  
Judge Kristen K. Johnson  
Judge Jerome Metz

Judge Diane M. Palos  
Judge Tom Pokorny, Retired  
Elizabeth W. Stephenson, Esq.  
Judge Terri L. Stupica  
Susan Sweeney, Esq.  
Judge Thomas Teodosio  
C. Michael Walsh, Esq.  
Judge Gene A. Zmuda

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Gretchen Beers, Esq.  
Honorable Kim A. Browne  
Honorable Michelle Early

Honorable Curt Werren  
Honorable Latecia Wiles

#### **Supreme Court of Ohio Staff Members Present:**

Brian Farrington  
Christine Hahn

Kate Munger, Esq.  
Stephanie Nelson, Esq..

## **Welcome New Members**

1. Elizabeth Blakley, Richland County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations
2. Judge Beth Cappelli, Fairborn Municipal Court
3. Judge Michelle Earley, Cleveland Municipal Court
4. Judge Michael Oster, Butler County Common Pleas Court, General
5. Judge John Rudduck, Clinton County Common Pleas, General and Domestic Relations
6. Judge Thomas Teodosio, Ninth District Court of Appeals
7. Judge Latecia Wiles, Wayne County Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile

## **Meeting Minutes Approved**

The November 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Update on Superintendence Rule 39 – Time Standards**

Brian Farrington reported to the committee the presentation he made on April 7, 2020 to the Supreme Court during its administrative conference. Brian indicated that the Court has opted to review the appellate courts' historical performance in its deliberations concerning the recommended change of the appellate time standard from 100 percent of cases in 210 days to 95 percent of cases in 480 days and 75 percent of cases in 365 days. Brian explained that the Court has directed staff to conduct a caseload management review of the appellate courts in order to better understand what practices and procedures appear to be producing more timely dispositions. The Court directed that the findings from that review and the related performance study be shared with the appellate judges in their September meeting.

## **Update on Appellate Case Management System Replacement**

Brian reported to the committee the general status of the development of C-Track (from Thomson Reuters), the new case management system being developed for all appellate districts except for the 10<sup>th</sup>, which is moving forward with replacing its current case management system with Tyler Technologies' appellate case management system. Weekly conference calls with Thomson Reuters are in progress with the appellate administrators to finalize various configuration aspects of the new system.

## **Update on New Judge Orientation Caseload**

Stephanie reported that we provided online "Part 2" training to 20 new judges. She also indicated that in future new judge orientations, having someone from the ACCM might be helpful.

## **Update on Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System – Data Project**

Brian told the committee that IAALS declining civil caseloads project remains active although the project schedule and plan going forward is likely to change in light of the pandemic. Brian reiterated the goal of the study is to look at a group of seven states and interview key participants

in the states' civil litigation arena in order to document hypotheses explaining the long term decline seen nationally in civil caseloads.

**New Business: COVID-19 Backlog Strategies**

Established a workgroup with Judge Beth Capelli and Elizabeth Stephenson. Kate Munger will be the staff liaison.

**Future meeting dates:**

Friday, August 28, 2020

Friday, October 16, 2020