

Access to Justice Commission

Courts Committee Charter

Purpose

To support and improve collaborative efforts within the court system in the area of providing service and resources to court users.

Responsibilities

- a. Research and identify gaps and needs within the courts in relation to providing help for self-represented litigants.
- b. Create and implement strategic plan for the development of Court ATJ programs and initiatives.
- c. Seek out, apply for, and manage grants and other funding sources to support Court ATJ programs and initiatives.
- d. Develop collaboration within the courts and with other stakeholders in the area of ATJ issues.

Scope of Authority

The committee shall take all action necessary and proper to effectuate its responsibilities and objectives.

Goals and Objectives

- a. Simplify and standardize court processes, procedures and policies.
- b. Develop plain language as the standard for court processes, written materials including forms, and multimedia content.
- c. Be responsive to the ever-changing needs of courts and self-represented litigants.
- d. Standardize forms statewide.
- e. Identify and help resolve language access barriers.
- f. Reduce the number of obstacles court users encounter while using the court system.
- g. Electronic processes are equivalent to in person services.
- h. Identify the diverse and constantly evolving needs of SRLs in relation to the court process.
- i. Use technology for research and providing service to SRLs with focus on remote areas.
- j. Create ways for better accessibility to the courts both in person and electronically.
- k. Develop evidence-based testing for projects.

