

ATJ Commission Meeting
February 9, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

In attendance:

Twila Hoon Witz (AOC), Hon. Erin O’Connell (ATJ Co-Chair), Ernestina Cruz (ATJ Co-Chair), Chief Justice Shannon Bacon, Angela Martinez, Ben Sherman (State Bar), Bette Fleishman, Betsy Salcedo (NMLA), Carol Garner (NMLA), Caitlin Carcerano (SBNM), Cheryl Thompson (Metro Court), Damon Hudson, Deborah Norman (United South Broadway), Deian McBryde, Erin Atkins, F. Gallegos, Gary Housepian, George Chandler, Heather Norfleet, iPhoneJoann, Jeff Wechsler, Joel Cruz-Esparza, John Arango, John Greacen, Juan Abeyta, Kasey Daniels, Kip Bobroff (Pueblo of Laguna), Lily Atencio, Lvedabm, Mary Smith (CLS Commissioner), Hon. Mercedes Murphy (Chief Judge 7th JDC), Hon. Michael Aragon, Michael McGuire (Senior Citizens Law), Natalie Meyers (State Bar), Paula Couselo (AOC), Peggy Cadwell (AOC), Quiana Salazar-King (NM Immigrant Law Center), Rebecca “Becky” O’Gawa (NMLA), Ramon Maestas, Rosalie Chavez (NMLA), Verily Jones, Sarita Nair (NMDWS), Sarah Steadman, Sireesha Manne (NMCLP), Scott Cameron, Sonya Duke-Noel, Hon. Zach Ives (Ct. of Appeals).

Item 3: Minutes Approved from December 16, 2022

- Shannon Bacon moved to approve minutes, Verily Jones seconded. No objections.

Item 2: Introductions of New Commissioners

-Scott Cameron, Sec. Sarita Nair, Verily Jones, and Erin Atkins.

Item 4: LawHelp Website Update (Carol Gardner)

- Translation project to help in using the website and to translate items within LawHelp. LawHelp is accessible. There are pending items as to staffing and maintaining the website as Carol Gardner is slowly being taken off the project.

Item 5: Legislative Update (John Arango)

-Current budget is roughly \$5,300,000. There is \$3,683,000 in continuing appropriations. The filing fee that is being imposed on all civil cases the current budget is \$1.6 million, so the \$3,000,683 plus \$1.6 gives you \$5,283,100. However, continued funding is necessary for all civil legal service providers be able to function for all citizens of New Mexico.

Item 6: Scrivener, Clara, LAS Update (Paula Couselo & Peggy Cadwell)

-Scrivener program has expanded for self-litigants in completing forms and filings in many different languages. The program will be expanding across the state for court employee to be trained to provide the assistance needed within their districts. Clara is an AI program that speaks different languages and is a kiosk located in some lobby areas of the districts in the State.

Item 7: 2023 Priorities for ATJ Subcommittees (Judge O’Connell and Tina Cruz)

-Next Commission ATJ Subcommittees Co-chairs will report out on what each subcommittee is working on.

Item 8: Other Business (Judge O’Connell and Tina Cruz)

-Tulip Tree will be meeting ATJ and CLS members in March.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm