

# Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC16-32

IN RE: COMMISSION ON DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL  
PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The purpose of the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability is to propose policies and procedures on matters related to the efficient and effective functioning of Florida's district courts through the development of comprehensive resource management, performance measurement, and accountability programs.

During the next two years, the Commission is expected to perform the following tasks, noting the strong connection between these issues and several of the goals and strategies in The Long Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch 2016-2021:

1. In support of Goal 1.2 (Ensure the fair and timely resolution of all cases through effective case management), monitor and review the current appellate court time standards, including rule-based and model time standards, and develop policies and procedures to improve meeting those time standards. If necessary, the Commission may

recommend revisions to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.250.

2. In support of Goal 1.3 (Utilize caseload and other workload information to manage resources and promote accountability) and Goal 1.5 (Encourage the use of consistent practices, procedures, and forms statewide), develop performance indicators for efficient, effective, and timely processing of postconviction cases, as part of monitoring and reviewing statewide performance indicators.
3. Also in support of Goal 1.3, collaborate with the Appellate Court Technology Committee to identify and develop performance indicators for an online dashboard, which will convey appellate court performance.
4. Also in support of Goal 1.3, collaborate with the appellate clerks of court to assess staffing models for appellate clerks.
5. In support of Goal 1.4 (Obtain appropriate and stable levels of funding and resources for courts throughout the state), continue working with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission to provide input on those issues pertaining to operations and performance, as necessary.
6. In support of Goal 3.3 (Communicate effectively with all branches and levels of government on justice system issues), continue to assist

the judicial branch as it responds to any performance and accountability-related statutory requirements and requests by the Florida Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

The following individuals are appointed to serve on the Commission for terms that begin on July 1, 2016, and expire on June 30, 2018:

The Honorable Ross L. Bilbrey  
Judge, First District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Anthony K. Black  
Judge, Second District Court of Appeal

Ms. Mary Cay Blanks  
Clerk, Third District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Jay P. Cohen  
Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Melanie G. May  
Judge, Fourth District Court of Appeal

Mr. J. Daniel McCarthy  
Marshal, First District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Vance E. Salter  
Judge, Third District Court of Appeal

Mr. Lonn Weissblum  
Clerk, Fourth District Court of Appeal

Commission reports should be submitted to the chief justice through the state courts administrator.

The Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability is authorized to propose statutory changes related to the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the district courts.

The Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability is authorized to propose amendments to rules of court procedure on issues involving the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the district courts, for consideration by the Court. In developing proposed amendments to rules of court procedure, the Commission is directed to establish appropriate liaison relationships with the relevant Bar rules committees. Should the Commission recommend amendments to the rules of court procedure or forms, it shall file such recommendations in petition form with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court.

Should the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability make recommendations that require additional funding or resources to implement, the Commission is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission or the Trial Court Budget Commission, as appropriate. At a minimum, the Commission shall provide the chair of the respective budget commission with copies of Commission reports and recommendations that reference the need for additional court funding or resources, prior to the finalization of those reports.

Should the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability make recommendations that impact on court technology, the Commission is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the Florida Courts Technology Commission. At a minimum, the Commission shall provide the Chair of the Florida Courts Technology Commission with copies of Commission reports and recommendations that reference court technology, prior to the finalization of those reports.

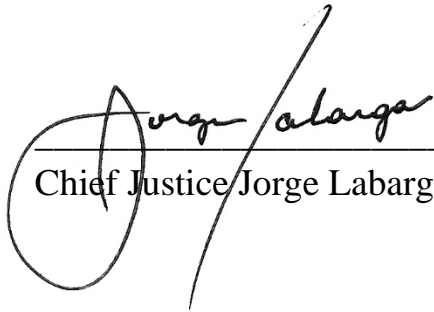
Should the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability make recommendations about the education and training needs of judges and court staff, the Commission is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationships with the Florida Court Education Council. At a minimum, the Commission shall provide the Chair of the Florida Court Education Council with copies of Commission reports and recommendations that reference court education, prior to the finalization of those reports.

In the event of an appellate jurisdiction review under rule 2.241, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability shall provide input and support to the Committee on District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction as may be appointed by the Supreme Court.

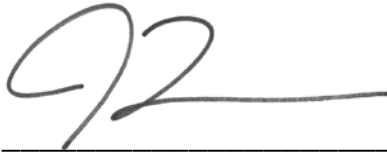
The Honorable Vance E. Salter shall serve as chair through June 30, 2018.

Staff support will be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 23, 2016.

  
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Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

ATTEST:

  
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John Tomasino, Clerk of Court

