

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC18-24

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.), continue to report on the performance of the districts in comparison to the appellate court time standards, including rule-based and model time standards, ensuring

communication across all districts regarding performance levels. The Commission shall consider development of statewide best practices for granting continuances. Also, the Commission shall consider if revisions are necessary to the performance measures of the Long-Range Program Plan and 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.), establish statewide best practices in support of the use of a consistent mechanism for easily tracking case status of frivolous filings, warnings and bar orders, and sanctions in post-conviction cases. Such a mechanism will assist in quickly identifying necessary court actions to resolve post-conviction cases efficiently.
3. Additionally, in support of Goal 1.3, collaborate with the Appellate Court Web Design Workgroup to implement an online dashboard which will convey appellate court performance in a meaningful way across all districts. The Commission shall explore other data visualization tools for public-facing statistics and internal resource management purposes.

4. In support of Goal 1.4 (Obtain appropriate and stable levels of funding and resources for courts throughout the state.), the Commission shall begin the next cycle review of the judicial case weights. Further, the Commission shall continue working with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission to provide input on those issues pertaining to operations and performance, as necessary.
5. 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 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 expires on June 30, 2020:

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

Mr. Charles R. Crawford
Marshal, Fifth District Court of Appeal

The Honorable James A. Edwards
Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Matthew C. Lucas
Judge, Second District Court of Appeal

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

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

Mr. Lonn Weissblum
Clerk, Fourth District Court of Appeal

The Commission is authorized to propose statutory changes and amendments to rules of court procedure 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 Florida 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 make recommendations that require additional funding or resources to implement, impact court technology, or impact education and training needs of judges and court staff, the Commission is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission, the Florida Courts Technology Commission, or the Florida Court Education Council, as appropriate. At a minimum, the Commission shall provide the Chairs of these liaison groups with copies of those Commission reports and recommendations, prior to the finalization of the reports.

In the event of an appellate jurisdiction review under rule 2.241, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Commission 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, 2020. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator. The Commission should submit its reports to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 2, 2018.

Charles T. Canady
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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

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John Tomasino, Clerk of Court
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