

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF SUPREME COURT RULES GOVERNING
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

State Bar of Arizona

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Phoenix, AZ 85016

Web Site: <http://www.azcourts.gov/reviewscrulesgpc/Home.aspx>

Members Present:

The Honorable Ann A. Scott Timmer, Chair

James J. Belanger

Jennifer Burns

Whitney Cunningham

Kimberly A. Demarchi

Jodi Knobel Feuerhelm

Mary Jo Foster

Nancy A. Greenlee

Leticia Marquez

Geoffrey M. T. Sturr

The Honorable Samuel Thumma

Maret Vessella

Members Not Present:

Amelia Craig Cramer

Staff Present:

Patricia A. Sallen

Quorum:

Yes

1. Call to Order & Introductions – Justice Timmer

Justice Timmer called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and welcomed members. The members present introduced themselves.

2. Committee overview, structure and timeline – Justice Timmer & Pat Sallen

The administrative regulations pertaining to open court committee meetings and materials were discussed. Resources and documents will be uploaded on the Committee's webpage.

Justice Timmer outlined the Committee's purpose. The deadline for the Committee's work is December 2014. Ms. Sallen will serve as consultant to the Committee.

Two workgroups have been established: Kim Demarchi will chair the workgroup examining the Rules of Professional Conduct and Geoff Sturr will chair the workgroup examining the practice of law. The workgroups will be expected to meet between scheduled meetings of the full Committee.

3. ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 and other issues – Pat Sallen

Ms. Sallen presented an overview of the model-rule changes resulting from the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20. Most of the ethical rule changes are in the comments. Black letter changes were few. She discussed issues the ABA commission raised and discussed but did not make recommendations.

She presented a chart showing the model rule changes already included in a pending State Bar rule-change proposal and highlighted the model rule changes that are not pending.

The State Bar has established an email address -- changingpracticeoflaw@azbar.org – and already has asked lawyers for ideas. We also will reach out to various interests and non-lawyer entities.

4. Overview: Issues presented by multi-state and international practice of law – Justice Timmer & Pat Sallen

Justice Timmer presented materials on who can practice in this state, particularly under treaties. She discussed the “Georgia Toolkit,” which has been recommended to jurisdictions by the Conference of Chief Justices.

Ms. Sallen discussed additional issues the Committee may wish to address, including interpretations of the unauthorized practice of law.

5. Overview: Changing nature of legal practice in modern times – Mark Lassiter

Mr. Lassiter gave a PowerPoint presentation on the evolution of legal services and the need for significant changes in rules to accommodate that evolution.

Mr. Lassiter will submit a list of ethical rules he believes are particularly problematic.

6. Call to the Public/Adjournment – Justice Timmer

Justice Timmer made a call to the public. No members of the public were present.

Following the call to the public, Justice Timmer adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.