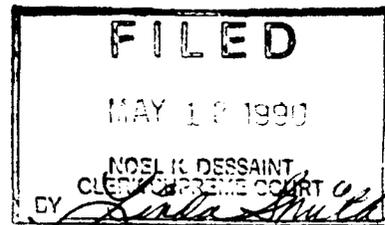


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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON APPELLATE COURTS



Administrative Order No. 90-18

In accordance with Administrative Order No. 90-13, the Chief Justice may establish standing committees to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED THAT a standing committee on appellate courts is hereby established as a committee of the Arizona Judicial Council and shall be known as the Committee on Appellate Courts. This Committee is created to assist the Arizona Judicial Council and the Supreme Court in the development and implementation of policies designed to improve: (1) the quality of justice, (2) access to the courts, and (3) efficiency in court operations.

1. Committee on Appellate Courts

a. Purposes. The Committee on Appellate Courts shall identify the needs of the appellate courts, study the internal operation of the appellate courts, analyze and plan for future developments, and recommend uniform administrative policies and procedures to improve judicial administration.

b. Membership. The Committee is composed of the following members: the chief judges of the Court of Appeals; four judges of the Court of Appeals; the clerk of the Supreme Court; the clerks of the Court of Appeals; the chief staff attorney of the Supreme Court; the chief staff attorneys of the Court of Appeals; a representative of the State Bar of Arizona; a public member; and such other members as may be appointed at the discretion of the Chief Justice. A Justice of the Supreme Court shall serve as a liaison to the Committee.

c. Terms of Members. Committee members holding membership by virtue of their positions shall be members of the Committee so long as they hold their respective positions. The other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Justice for terms of varying lengths to encourage continuity on the Committee. Committee members may be re-appointed for successive terms.

d. Responsibilities of Members. Committee members shall actively participate in Committee meetings, the administration of Committee affairs, and advisory committees.

e. Organization. The Chief Justice shall appoint Committee leadership as needed to organize Committee affairs. Advisory committees to help the Committee carry out its responsibilities may be appointed by the chairperson with the approval of the Chief Justice.

f. Meetings. The Committee shall meet no less than twice a year and additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Committee chairperson. All meetings shall be noticed and open to the public.

g. Actions. The Committee shall adopt rules for conducting Committee business. These rules shall prescribe the quorum and majority needed to constitute Committee actions.

h. Staff. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Committee and may conduct or coordinate management and research studies of judicial administration as recommended by the Committee.

DATED AND ENTERED this 18th day of May, 1990, at the State Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona.

FRANK X. GORDON, JR.
Chief Justice