

IT IS ORDERED establishing the Arizona Commission on Access to Justice (Commission), as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Commission shall study and make recommendations on innovative ways of promoting access to justice for individuals who cannot afford legal counsel or who choose to represent themselves in civil cases. The Commission shall evaluate best practices within Arizona and in other states, identify possible changes in court rules or practices to reduce barriers to access, identify and encourage the adoption of best practices among legal service providers, and consider potential long-term funding options.

The Commission's work and priorities will be set by the Chief Justice in consultation with the Chair of the Commission.

The initial work of the Commission shall be to examine and make recommendations on the following:

- a) Assisting self-represented litigants and revising court rules and practices to facilitate access and the efficient processing of family court and eviction cases
- b) Encouraging lawyers and law firms to provide pro bono services or financial support for civil legal aid for those who cannot afford counsel.
- c) Developing an information campaign to inform lawyers and other citizens about the state tax credit for contributions to agencies that serve the working poor, including legal services agencies in Arizona.

2. **Membership and Terms.** The Commission will consist of standing and ad hoc members. Standing members will serve an initial staggered term of one to three years, and may be eligible for re-appointment. Ad hoc members shall be appointed for terms of sufficient length to accomplish the task assigned. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as necessary.

a) **Standing members.**

- 1) One appellate court judge, who will also serve as Chair and may designate another member to serve as Vice-Chair;
- 2) One clerk of the superior court;
- 3) One court administrator from the superior court;
- 4) Two superior court judges;
- 5) Two limited jurisdiction court judges;
- 6) Two Arizona lawyers in active law practice;
- 7) One Arizona Judicial Council member;
- 8) The Administrative Director of the Courts or designee;
- 9) The Executive Director of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, or designee;

- 10) The Executive Director of the State Bar of Arizona, or designee;
- 11) Two legal services representatives; and
- 12) Two public members.

b) Ad hoc members. In addition to the standing members of the Commission, the Chief Justice may appoint ad hoc members whose particular business, legal, judicial, or community experience is needed to undertake the work of the Commission.

c) Work Groups. The Commission Chair may establish or dissolve Work Groups which may be, but are not required to be, partially comprised of persons not members of the Commission.

3. Meetings. Commission meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. Pursuant to ACJA § 1-202, all meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch.

4. Staffing. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall staff the Commission.

5. Commission Reports. The Commission shall submit its reports and recommendations, no less than annually, to the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC). The first report shall be submitted to the AJC for its March 2015 meeting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Access to Justice Commission for terms beginning upon signature of this order and ending on the dates shown by their respective names.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2014.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

Appendix A
ARIZONA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Chair

Hon. Lawrence F. Winthrop
Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Members

Hon. Michael Jeanes
Superior Court Clerk
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Mike Baumstark
Administrative Director of the Courts
or designee
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Kip Anderson
Court Administrator
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Kevin Ruegg
Executive Director, Arizona Foundation for
Legal Services & Education
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Hon. Maria Elena Cruz
Superior Court Judge
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

John Phelps
Executive Director, State Bar of Arizona or
designee
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Hon. Janet Barton
Superior Court Judge
Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Ellen Katz
Legal Aid Services, Maricopa
Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Hon. James Marner
Superior Court Judge
Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Anthony Young
Legal Aid Services, Southern Arizona
Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Hon. Thomas Berning
Limited Jurisdiction Court Judge
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Steve Seleznow
Public Member
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Hon. Rachel Torres Carrillo
Limited Jurisdiction Court Judge
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Lisa Urias
Public Member
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Barb Dawson

Attorney

Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Millie Cisneros

Attorney

Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Janet Regner

Arizona Judicial Council Liaison

Term Expires: December 31, 2015