

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY  
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE  
APPELLATE COURTS SUBTEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**March 9, 2012**  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**State Courts Building Room 415**

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**SUPREME COURT MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Vice Chief Justice Andrew Hurwitz  
Acting Clerk Janet Johnson

**APPEALS DIVISION ONE  
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vice Chief Judge Diane Johnsen  
Jacob Trierweiler  
James Towner

**APPEALS DIVISION TWO MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Clerk Jeff Handler\*

**AOC STAFF & GUESTS**

Mike Baumstark, *Exec*  
Stewart Bruner, *ITD*  
Jim Price, *ITD*  
Amy Wood, *CSD*

\* indicates appeared via telephone

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Justice Hurwitz opened the meeting with a roll call of those present in the room and on the phone.

**AZTURBOCOURT STATUS FOLLOWING MANDATORY DATE**

Acting Supreme Court Clerk Janet Johnson provided appellate e-filing volumes through February and the initial week of March. In response to a question, Janet and Jacob Trierweiler shared reasons for non-compliant filings since February 1 as well as the continuing issues with filers selecting incorrect case types. Jacob shared that some filers are using an invalid e-mail address in TurboCourt, though the address on their filed document is accurate.

Members answered Bennett Evan Cooper's questions from the State Bar Appellate Practice Committee regarding paragraph numbering in briefs and unnecessary attachment of lower court records in filings. Jeff Handler shared Division Two's experience that, over time, filers do learn not to replicate the lower court documents in appendices. Amy Wood indicated that the content of TurboCourt training materials is being updated to cover the bookmarking function.

**PAYPAL CHANGES / CREDIT CARD PROCESSING**

Jim Price provided an update on the schedule slippage for improvements being made to PayPal. The technical team is not certain that changes will be available to users before the April 2 mandatory filing deadline that was previously announced. Members discussed the impact and implications. Amy Wood clarified that PayPal will continue to

work in the interim, just without the vital enhancements law firms had requested, and that users will have a choice of adopting the new process or staying with the current process. She described a plan to publicize the new features later in March without stating an availability date. Members were generally comfortable with leaving the April 2 requirement in place for mandatory e-filing while the technical team works to get the changes implemented as soon after that date as possible.

Members discussed various upcoming publicity opportunities, including the State Bar Appellate Practice Institute and the State Bar Convention. Janet suggested a follow-up communication be sent to appellate practitioners to solicit their concerns or frustrations after some time has passed. Stewart will make the change.

#### **APPELLATE IT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Stewart Bruner informed the group that the meeting for obtaining business inputs from court leadership, staff attorneys, and clerks will take place March 29 following AJC. Karl Heckart will help facilitate the meeting. Justice Hurwitz recommended the breakout sessions be dropped in favor of full-group brainstorming, since the attendance list is relatively short.

#### **OTHER UPDATES AND ISSUES**

Justice Hurwitz highlighted a recent policy change in the Supreme Court Clerk's Office to prevent confusion in processing electronic motions for leave to file an amicus brief.

#### **WRAP UP**

A follow-up meeting will be held based on the updated PayPal enhancements schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.