

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE) Administrative Order
COMMITTEE TO STUDY COMPLEX) No. 2001- 122
LITIGATION)
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_____)

Without proper judicial oversight and effective case management, disposition of complex litigation cases such as mass torts and class actions may be unnecessarily delayed. Case delay increases costs for litigants and taxes an already overburdened judicial system. Effective case management of complex litigation cases promotes good decision making, reduces delay and the cost of litigation.

In accordance with Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-104, the Chief Justice may establish advisory committees to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Therefore, in keeping with the Court's strategic goal to promote swift and fair justice, it is deemed advisable to study complex litigation in Arizona, the rules and statutes that govern these cases, and to determine if the establishment of a complex litigation/business court or division would benefit the citizens of this state and the administration of justice in Arizona.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Committee to Study Complex Litigation is established as follows:

1. **PURPOSE:**
The Committee shall explore the advantages and disadvantages associated with the creation of a complex litigation/business court or division and determine if any of the various models used in other states should be implemented in Arizona.
2. **ORGANIZATION:**
The Chief Justice shall appoint the chairperson of the Committee and other members as needed to accomplish the Committee's purpose.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:**
The membership of the Committee is attached to this order as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.

4. MEETINGS:
Meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Committee Chair. All meetings shall be noticed and open to the public.
5. REPORTS:
The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Arizona Judicial Council for consideration at the Council's June 2002 meeting.
6. STAFF:
Under the general direction of the administrative director, the administrative office shall provide staff to assist the Committee and, as feasible, to conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2001.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice

OR

CHARLES E. JONES
Vice Chief Justice

ATTACHMENT: Appendix A