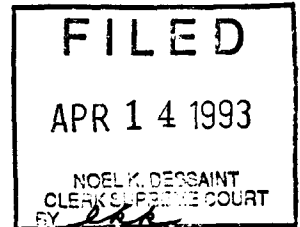


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF JURIES



Administrative Order No. 93 - 20

Whereas:

1. The right to trial by jury in criminal and civil cases is fundamental to our system of justice and is enshrined in the Sixth and Seventh Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and in Article 2, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Arizona;

2. In the past few years, juries and jury trials have come under increasing scrutiny, study and criticism relating to issues of representativeness, preparation for jury service, jury selection, juror comprehension of complex facts and of the law, use of technology in jury trials and, in general, judge and lawyer responsiveness to the needs of juries;

3. Recent reports from respected legal organizations document many of the above concerns and recommend concrete ways to address them; and

4. With a view to strengthening the institution of the jury in Arizona, it is deemed necessary and important to establish a statewide committee whose members shall include, among others, trial and appellate judges, the bar, professors of law and the social sciences, court personnel, and former jurors.

In accordance with Administrative Order No. 90-13 which provides that the Chief Justice may establish advisory committees to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities, and the Arizona Judicial Council having approved the information of an advisory committee on juries, now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED THAT an advisory committee on more effective use of juries is hereby established and shall be known as the Committee on More Effective Use of Juries.

Purposes: The Committee on More Effective Use of Juries shall:

1. Study and evaluate the utilization of juries and the conduct of jury trials in Arizona in light of available studies, reports and other published scholarship that bear on the issues referred to in this order.
2. Recommend specific ways to improve jury trials, the effectiveness of juries and the quality of jury verdicts.

3. Propose rule and other changes that would implement the recommended changes.
4. Suggest educational and training programs for the bench, the bar, jurors and the public concerning the changes.
5. Monitor implementation and utilization of the new rules and procedures to determine their effects and propose modifications when necessary.

Recommendations: The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court and the Arizona Judicial Council by October 1, 1994.

Organization: Committee membership and leadership shall be appointed by the Chief Justice. The Committee chairperson may appoint subcommittees to assist the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities.

Meetings: All meetings shall comply with Administrative Order No. 90-41 regarding public meeting requirements.

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 research as recommended by the Committee.

Funding: The Committee, with the assistance of the Arizona Judicial Council, may seek grant funding from local, state and national organizations for its expenses of operation, including expert advice and consultations. Supreme Court funds may also be used to partially or fully fund the Committee's expenses.

DATED AND ENTERED this 14th day of April 1993.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice