# Access to Justice Commission Standing Committee on Self-Represented Litigants Meeting via teleconference September 12, 2017 noon-1pm

In attendance: Abby Brown, Ann Goldes, Nolan Harris, Kay Lynn Lee, and Crystine Miller

**Minutes:** Ann notes that there wasn't a quorum for the committee's previous call so the May minutes could not be approved. Ann suggests delaying approval of minutes and any other official decisions due to lack of quorum on today's call. Ann will send out minutes from the May meeting via email to the committee and will request approval of minutes over email.

Ann also notes that lack of quorum will prevent any decisions or action on the form that the committee is currently working on.

## Agenda

## 1. Follow Up on Sept 8 ATJC Meeting

Abby states that the ATJC commission wants to get the fee waiver form started again. The Commission has accepted the proposed amendments to the form and has turned it over to the Attorney General's office. Amy at AG's office has gotten things going and has gotten form on the agenda for AG to institute rule making. She is going to look into seeing if form can be used in advance of rule being changed.

Kay Lynn reports that she attended the commission meeting via phone and the AG office is ready to move on the form with a few small changes.

Ann asks committee what the next steps are for the form. Abby responds that the ATJC and Justice Baker wanted the committee to propose a brief description of the dissolution and fee waiver forms and any changes they will implement.

Abby suggests that the description speak to the point that new forms are out there and they should be used. The description should educate clerks of court to remind them of the existence of the SRLC and to establish a dialogue for education, training, etc.

### 2. Committee work going forward

Abby notes that the work related to the fee waiver form is much more sustainable model for this committee and suggests that the committee develop a process for repeating this.

Ann adds that the committee could seek out forms and similar issues rather than waiting for them to come up. Ann suggests taking up the order of protection form that was brought up by Brandi Ries at the September ATJC. Nolan adds that revising the form is a potentially good idea, but that the problem that Brandi discussed also had to do with action and education on the part of Clerks. The committee agrees that they are on board for updating these forms and trying to

coordinate these efforts with Brandi Ries. Abby suggests that Brandi could propose revisions to forms and the committee could then work to implement the form and undertake education and outreach programs.

Ann calls for informal discussion on how to keep sub-committees working and maintain consistent involvement in committee work. Nolan suggests that the committee needs to develop priorities. Nolan suggests that education and outreach could be a priority of the committee. Ann suggests convening the education and training subcommittee in late September/early October to develop priorities for the subcommittee.

Nolan proposes that Sarah McClain be added to committee.

# 3. Adjourn