

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

FILED**ORDER****DEC 19 2017**

Re: eCourt Steering Committee and Subcommittees

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CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS**

The Kansas Supreme Court created the eCourt Steering Committee and initial subcommittees in Supreme Court Order 2015 SC 22. Subsequent appointments to the Steering Committee and subcommittees were made in Supreme Court Orders 2016 SC 37, 2017 SC 12, and 2017 SC 21. In Supreme Court Order 2017 SC 62, the Court reappointed the eCourt Steering Committee for a term of one year ending June 30, 2018.

In this Order, the Court outlines additional duties of the Requirements Subcommittee and creates a new Workshare Subcommittee. The Court supports the standardization of case processes across the state to enable workshare, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the judicial branch, and to make the user experience consistent. The appointments to these subcommittees are listed below.

A. The Requirements Subcommittee

Under Supreme Court Order 2015 SC 22, the Requirements Subcommittee was charged with identifying and developing the business requirements for the case management system (CMS) that are needed to properly define the capabilities of eCourt and to create a request for proposal (RFP) for the vendor selection process. The Court now charges the Requirements Subcommittee with the following additional duties:

1. Determine case management system programming requirements needed to promote more effective and efficient operation of the judicial branch.
2. In consultation with the Workshare Subcommittee, define obstacles to developing workshare processes and recommend changes that standardize procedures in order to allow for more effective and efficient case management and to provide for better service to users of the judicial branch.
3. Define and recommend to the Rules Subcommittee any changes that are needed to statutes, supreme court rules, or supreme court orders in order to eliminate obstacles and to promote more effective and efficient operation of the judicial branch.
4. Consider impacts on service, finances, and staffing and identify likely costs and benefits from adoption of any business requirements or processes proposed by this subcommittee.

5. Analyze and address differences between the current design of the vendor's product and requirements for the Kansas case management system, i.e. the gap analysis.
6. In evaluating options for programming requirements, give strong consideration to implementing statewide processes that will unify the court system and benefit users of the case management system.
7. Act individually and collectively as project champions to support programming requirements that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the judicial branch.
8. When evaluating issues brought before the Subcommittee, draw from individual experiences and knowledge in exercising judgment but seek the best outcome for the state as a whole.

The following individuals are appointed to serve as a member of the Requirements Subcommittee as of the date of this Order:

Judge Debra Wright (Beloit), Co-Chair

Judge Michael Powers (Marion), Co-Chair

Judge David King (Leavenworth)

Christine Blake (Garden City)

Kathy Oliver (Manhattan)

Chris Esquibel (Kansas City)

Daniel Lawrence (Wichita)

Kelly O'Brien (OJA)

Carrie McGinley (OJA)

Krisena Silva (OJA)

Jenny Bates (Appellate Court Clerk's Office)

Chelsey Langland (Court of Appeals Motions)

B. Workshare Subcommittee

The Court establishes a Workshare Subcommittee to recommend processes that provide for the sharing of work by judicial branch employees across the state in order to promote a more effective and efficient operation of the judicial branch. The term "Workshare" is defined to mean the ability of a judicial branch employee in one county to perform work of an employee in another county based upon uniform work processes and policies using a statewide case management system. The duties of the newly established Workshare Subcommittee shall include the following:

1. Identify and define software requirements that will enable an employee in one location to perform work of a court employee in other courts located in the state.
2. Identify and define obstacles to workshare processes that can be incorporated into the judicial branch case management system and that promote more effective and efficient operation of the judicial branch.
3. Share with the Requirements Subcommittee the nature of any obstacles to adopting workshare processes and the reason resolution is needed. Include any recommended solutions and identify any statutes, supreme court rules, or supreme court orders involved.
5. Consider how other state courts use workshare, including, but not limited to, the subjects of the work shared, the manner of sharing, and the supporting technology, if any.
6. Consider service, staffing problems, and financial impact - including likely costs and benefits – associated with adopting a proposed process.
7. In evaluating workshare options, each member of the Subcommittee should give strong consideration to implementing statewide processes that bring uniformity and efficiency to the court system for the benefit of its users.
8. Act individually and collectively as project champions by supporting programming requirements and through work share processes that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the judicial branch.
9. In evaluating issues before the Subcommittee, draw from individual experiences and knowledge in exercising judgment but seek the best outcome for the state as a whole.

The following individuals are appointed to serve as a member of the Workshare Subcommittee as of the date of this Order:

Judge Michael Powers (Marion), Co-Chair

John Steelman (Ottawa), Co-Chair

Judge Bruce Gatterman (Pawnee)

Patricia Henshall (OJA)

Kelly O'Brien (OJA)

Kathleen Collins (Kansas City)

Teresa Drane (Salina)

Pam Moses (Hutchinson)

Lea Throckmorton (Concordia)

Sarah Mays (Topeka)

Larry Zimmerman (Topeka)

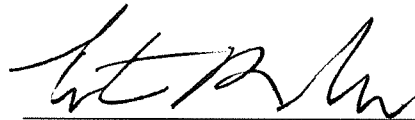
Martha Coffman (OJA)

Krisena Silva (OJA)

Chris Mechler (OJA)

Autumn Bishop (OJA)

BY ORDER OF THIS COURT this 19 day of December, 2017.



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Chief Justice