

COURT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

William Cullom, Chairman
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JURISDICTION OF THE COURT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE:

The Court Systems Committee will have jurisdiction to examine the following areas:

1) Judicial Staffing:

- assess adequacy of current number of Judges and Magistrates;
- assess adequacy of current number of law clerks to Judges and Magistrates;
- assess adequacy of current staffing levels of other personnel in Judges' and Magistrates' Chambers (i.e., secretarial, deputy clerks);
- assess adequacy of current number of court reporters and interpreters.

2) Court Facilities and Resources:

- assess adequacy of court personnel.
- assess adequacy of court space and facilities.

3) New Technology:

- assess adequacy of computer resources including software and hardware systems;
- evaluate use of video or computer records by court reporters;

- evaluate use of paperless system/laser disc technology.

4) Prisoner Civil Rights:

- assess current system of handling prisoner civil rights suits;
- analyze current staffing levels;
- analyze need for legal representation of pro se plaintiffs.

Possible contacts for information and interviews should include:

- 1) The Eleventh Circuit's liaisons to the Judicial Conference;
- 2) John Howell, Chief Article III Section of the Administrative Office;
- 3) John Thomas Jones, Chief Magistrate Section of the Administrative Office;
- 4) Scott Liddle, Regional Administrator for the Eleventh Circuit, Court Administration Division;
- 5) Chief Judge James Lawrence King;
- 6) Clerk of Court, T.G. Cheleotis;
- 7) District Court Executive, Keenan Cassady;
- 8) Chief Magistrate Judge Charlene Sorrentino;
- 9) Chief Probation Officer, Carlos Juenke;
- 10) Chief, Pretrial Services Officer, Roberto Febles.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sheldon Schneider, Chairperson
Richard Capen
Aaron Podhurst
Thomas Scott

JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE:

The General Committee will have jurisdiction over the following:

1. Working with reporter in drafting a plan;
2. Correlation of Committee reports in preparation of statistical backup to a company plan;
3. Create measures of performance which can be used in post-assessment evaluations of the plan;
4. Evaluate current selection of Chief Judge (28 U.S.C. § 136);
5. Evaluate legislative actions which may reduce costs and delays in civil litigation including but not limited to action regarding diversity jurisdiction and jurisdiction over social security cases; and
6. Accept general assignments from the Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF THE CRIMINAL DOCKET
ON CIVIL LITIGATION

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hon. Stanley Marcus, Chairperson
Jay Hogan
Dexter Lehtinen

JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

This Committee will have jurisdiction over the following:

- Examine the impact of the criminal docket on civil litigation in the Southern District of Florida;
- Consider what contributions can be made by the courts, the litigants, attorneys, and by Congress and the Executive Branch in reducing costs and delays in civil litigation;
- Examine differential case management or tracking as it applies to criminal cases.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ("ADR") COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alan Greer, Chairman
Robert Krawcheck
Ana Barnett
Elizabeth Dufresne

JURISDICTION OF COMMITTEE:

This Committee will perform the assessments mandated by Sections 473 (a)(6) and 473 (b)(4)-(5) of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, and make proposals based on assessments as mandated by Section 472 (b)(3). In carrying out its charge, this Committee should examine the following:

1. Any form of alternative dispute resolution which would materially decrease the costs and length of civil litigation in the Southern District of Florida;
2. If the Committee recommends that the full Advisory Group consider a particular form of ADR, substantiate the recommendation with current examples of the successful use of the ADR recommended.

This Committee should coordinate its activities with the Pretrial Management Committee.

PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Edward Moss, Chairperson
Henry Latimer
Ira Leesfield
Ira Kurzban

JURISDICTION OF COMMITTEE:

This committee will perform the assessments mandated by Sections 473(a)(1) - (5) and 473(b)(1)-(3) of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, and make proposals based on these assessments as mandated by Section 472(b)(3) of the Act. Carrying out this charge, the Committee will have jurisdiction to study pretrial practices or procedures, including but not limited to the following:

1. Differentiated case management or tracking of civil cases;
2. Uniform scheduling order;
3. The Court's motion practice;
4. Any other pretrial practices or procedures which may substantially decrease the cost and time associated with discovery procedures in this District.

This Committee should coordinate its activities with the ADR Committee and Committee on the Impact of the Criminal Docket on Civil Litigation.