

State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 9th day of November, 2015.

Present: Rita B. Garman, Chief Justice
Justice Charles E. Freeman Justice Robert R. Thomas
Justice Thomas L. Kilbride Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier
Justice Anne M. Burke Justice Mary Jane Theis

M.R. 785(9)

In re: Judicial Conference of Illinois
Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee

Order

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are appointed to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Kimbara G. Harrell
Associate Judge
Second Judicial Circuit
Richland Co Courthouse
103 W. Main Street
Olney, IL 62450

Hon S. Gene Schwarm
Presiding Judge
Fifth District Appellate Court
4114 N. Water Tower Pl., Suite A
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Hon. Thomas R. Mulroy
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., #2207
Chicago, IL 60602

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are reappointed to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Thomas R. Allen
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Rm 2302
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. William S. Boyd
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., #1605
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Shauna L. Boliker
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Rm 400
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Robert G. Gibson
Associate Judge
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
DuPage County Courthouse
505 N. County Farm Rd
Wheaton, IL 60187

Hon. Mark S. Goodwin
Associate Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit
Vermilion Co. Courthouse
7 N. Vermilion
Danville, IL 61832

Hon. David A. Hylla
Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit
Madison County Courthouse
155 N. Main St., #405
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Hon. Kevin T. Lee
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
1500 Maybrook Dr.
Maywood, IL 60153

Hon. Karen L. O'Malley
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Rm 1808
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Carolyn Bailey Smoot
Circuit Judge
First Judicial Circuit
Williamson County Courthouse
200 W. Jefferson St., Ste 260
Marion, IL 62959

Hon. James E. Snyder
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Rm 2001
Chicago, IL 60602

Effective January 1, 2016, the Honorable Mark S. Goodwin is reappointed chairperson for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Order entered by the Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 31st day of December, 2015.



Carolyn T. Grosboll

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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Illinois Judicial Conference Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee

CONFERENCE YEAR 2016

Statement of Purpose:

The Committee shall examine the range of civil dispute resolution processes utilized in other jurisdictions, convene alternative dispute resolution program administrators for the purpose of facilitating informational exchanges to promote program efficacy, and monitor the progress of all court-sponsored alternative dispute resolution programs.

General Charge:

The Committee shall examine the range of civil dispute resolution processes utilized in other jurisdictions and make recommendations regarding programs and various types of dispute resolution techniques suitable for adoption in Illinois, including methods for ongoing evaluation. The Committee shall develop recommendations for implementing and administering dispute resolution programs that remain affordable, appropriate, and provide an efficient alternative to protracted litigation. The Committee shall monitor and assess on a continuous basis the performance of circuit court mandatory arbitration programs and mandatory mediation programs approved by the Supreme Court and make regular reports regarding their operations. The Committee shall develop uniform reporting requirements for circuit courts in the collection and monitoring of statistical information for mandatory arbitration and mandatory mediation cases. The Committee will also examine and develop training programs in ADR techniques and practices to promote consistency in ADR services. The Committee shall also explore the feasibility of expanding ADR into other courts.

Conference Year 2016 Projects/Priorities:

- Develop a uniform methodology of statistical reporting for all mediation programs to provide a clearer picture of the use and effectiveness of those programs.
- Develop standardized forms for use by mediation programs to provide uniformity for the rationale of the mediator's conclusions.
- Facilitate the improvement and expansion of major civil case mediation programs by meeting with the Conference of Chief Circuit Judges to encourage mediation.
- Examine the mandatory arbitration rules to clarify the nature and extent of the arbitration panel's role and/or ability to assess costs.
- Examine Supreme Court Rule 86 to determine the feasibility of mandatory arbitration programs in all circuits and whether to expand the cases to include those with a value in excess of \$50,000.
- Examine Supreme Court Rule 93 to assess whether some types of mandatory arbitration cases should be binding with no right of rejection.
- Explore the means to promote court supervised ADR systems to the public and to increase diversity in the ADR process.
- Undertake any such other projects or initiatives that are consistent with the Committee charge.