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HB23-1108 – Judicial Taskforce  
Minutes – July 13, 2023

The initial meeting for the Judicial Taskforce was held on July 13, 2023 and it was a hybrid meeting. The following members of the Taskforce were present:

Chief Justice Brian Boatright (Co-Chair), Kelly Kissell (Co-Chair), Margaret Abrams, Hon. Michelle Amico, Dr. Steven Berkowitz, Hon. Jill Brady, Rebekah Brown, Zak Brown, Jessica Dotter (for Christine Rinke), Hon. Kolony Fields, Alexis Fredrickson, Roshan Kalantar, Gina Lopez, Jennifer Mendoza, Hon. Valarie Robison, Courtney Sutton, and Emily Tofte Nestaval

Present from the Domestic Relations (DR) Working Group: Sandi Gumeson, Ann Gushurst, Dr. Kate McNamara, and Chris Radeff

Chief Justice Boatright shared welcoming remarks and expressed Judicial's willingness to partner in this process. Taskforce and working group members introduced themselves and shared a bit about their interest in participating on the Taskforce or DR Working Group. It was noted that there is still an opening for a private defense attorney that represents victims of crime on the Taskforce and any suggestions should be sent to Kelly Kissell.

Kelly Kissell presented an overview of HB23-1108 to highlight the various tasks assigned to the full Taskforce as well as the Domestic Relations Working Group.

The Co-Chairs opened it up for discussion for suggestions on how to tackle the many tasks that are set forth in the legislation. The following are the highlights:

- Judge Amico and Jennifer Mendoza will provide a presentation at the next meeting to share with the Taskforce the educational opportunities that are already being offered for judges and judicial personnel;
- Roshan Kalantar offered to look into some national best practices around trauma informed training
- It was suggested to have an additional working group specific to children that are impacted by violence. Kelly Kissell asked that any Taskforce members interested in participating on this working group send an email to her and she would set up a separate meeting in August.
- It was also noted that consideration of the style of training delivery is important including case studies.





- The State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) has begun working on the data that is supposed to be provided to the DR working group.

There was a brief discussion regarding the frequency of meetings setting future meeting dates. It was decided to start with scheduling one meeting per month with the understanding that there would probably be some assignments or work in between meetings. Given the complexity of everyone's schedules, Alexis Fredrickson offered to send out a Doodle poll to determine future meeting dates.

The meeting adjourned to allow the Domestic Relations Working Group a few minutes to meet and schedule their first meeting.

