

Judicial Council Committees

As of February 2, 2022

Standing Committee on Access to Justice

The Access to Justice Committee improves the public's trust in the judicial branch by promoting meaningful and effective access to courts and fairness for all. This Committee is a successor to the Access, Fairness and Public Trust and Confidence Committee.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Michelle Barclay

Standing Committee on Budget

The Budget Committee handles the initial review of Judicial Council, AOC, and all subprogram budgets and recommends continuation funding and enhancement requests to the Judicial Council for approval.

AOC Staff Contact: Mr. Andrew Zoll

Standing Committee on Court Reporting Matters

The Court Reporting Matters Committee acts on behalf of the Judicial Council in handling appeals from decisions of the Board of Court Reporting; reviews and recommends changes to court reporting rules and fee schedules; approves Board of Court Reporting opinions; and recommends candidates for Board of Court Reporting membership.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Stephanie Hines

Standing Committee on Grants

The Standing Committee on Grants reviews grants and grant applications for any grant awarded to the Judicial Council or Administrative Office of the Courts. This Committee is a successor to the Judicial Council Domestic Violence Committee.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Jessica Farah

Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment

The Judicial Workload Assessment Committee determines the methodology for analysis of data collected through annual trial court case counts. Additionally, based on staff studies, they make recommendations to the Judicial Council as to the need for additional judicial personnel.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Stephanie Hines

Standing Committee on Legislation

The Legislation Committee reviews and considers legislation affecting the judicial branch and recommends policy positions to the Judicial Council.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Tracy Mason

Strategic Plan Standing Committee

The Strategic Plan Standing Committee is charged with the mission of accomplishing the ongoing and future strategic planning efforts of the Judicial Council for fiscal years 2020-2022.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Jessica Farah

Standing Committee on Technology

The Standing Committee on Technology provides guidance and oversight for the Judicial Council's technology initiatives.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Kristy King

Standing Committee on Judicial Security

The Standing Committee on Judicial Security is charged with the mission of identifying and taking the steps necessary to protect the safety and security of Georgia's judiciary, both inside and outside the courthouse.

AOC Staff Contact: Mr. Darron Enns

Standing Committee on Court Interpreters

The Standing Committee on Court Interpreters amends the rules for the use of interpreters for non-English speaking persons and regulates interpreters.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Stephanie Hines

Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Emergency Preparedness

The Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Emergency Preparedness' mission is to create a comprehensive plan that contemplates thirteen identified hazards, and the processes, protocols, and succession plans for continuing court operations if they occur, as outlined by the federal and Georgia emergency management agencies.

AOC Staff Contact: Mr. Ben Luke

Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Funding

The Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Funding is responsible for reviewing and approving applications for eligible courts and judicial system stakeholders requesting the dissemination of federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds allocated to the Judicial Branch for eligible expenditures aimed at addressing backlogs of court cases, particularly cases involving serious violent felonies.

AOC Staff Contact: Ms. Tracy Mason

Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Salaries and Supplements

1. To update and expand upon the December 16, 2016 report of the General Assembly's Judicial, District Attorney, and Circuit Public Defender Compensation Committee to reflect current amounts of state-paid salaries, state-paid salary supplements (e.g., for accountability courts), and county-paid salary supplements, as well as any state-paid or county-paid retirement benefits or other significant monetary benefits related to supplements, for Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Judge of the State-wide Business Court, superior court judges, district attorneys, and circuit public defenders, and to update comparisons to salaries for similar positions in other states;
2. To identify which county-paid officials' salaries or salary or retirement supplements of superior court judges, district attorneys, or circuit public defenders, so as to better understand the consequences of changes to the compensation of state-paid officials.
3. To develop, evaluate, and recommend options for revising or eliminating the system of county-paid supplements, including the costs to the State and the counties of any options that are deemed practically and politically feasible, including by garnering supermajority support from the superior court judges.

AOC Staff Contact: Mr. Andrew Zoll