

Colorado Access to Justice Commission

Technology Committee Charter

Purpose

The Colorado Access to Justice Commission Technology Committee was established to explore, recommend, and pursue both proven and innovative technological solutions to increase and improve access, effectiveness, and delivery of legal information and services online throughout Colorado's Access to Justice communities and in the court system while in close collaboration with additional Colorado Access to Justice Commission committees and Colorado's Access to Justice community stakeholders.

Responsibilities

Consolidate and simplify access to Colorado's online legal information according to user needs, both help seekers (low-income and self-represented litigants) and advocates, in efforts to maximize use of available resources while at the same time decreasing duplicative efforts.

Create a strategic plan to address help seekers needs when interacting with those providing legal assistance online, including but not limited to non-governmental and governmental organizations throughout Colorado, and to foster collaboration and open communications among the entities that provide online legal information to help seekers and advocates.

Emphasize and encourage collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data among Colorado Access to Justice community stakeholders developing online content to assist in improving the delivery of legal information online throughout Colorado.

Pursue funding to support efforts to effectively increase access to effective legal information online throughout Colorado.

Identify other technological needs throughout Colorado which, if attained, would help to increase access to justice throughout the state.

Identify technological solutions, such as but not limited to artificial intelligence, geographic information systems (GIS), chat, and blockchain technologies, that have the potential to address the state's access to justice challenges, and strategies for adopting and funding such solutions in Colorado.

Pursue such other projects as may be approved by the Committee and the Commission.

Scope of Authority

Committee members shall take all action necessary and proper to effectuate its responsibilities and objectives.

Goals and Objectives

1. The committee shall be responsible for developing and coordinating a plan to create a single, integrated portal (and/or other method(s)) to increase the ability of Colorado's help seekers and advocates searching for legal information online to find effective content, to decrease duplicity of information provided by CO A2J community stakeholders, and to maximize use of scarce resources.
2. Share quantitative and qualitative data to emphasize effectiveness of legal information that is currently online and to encourage improvements in delivery of online legal information from Colorado's Access to Justice community stakeholders now and into the future.
3. Research access to funding and, if appropriate, pursue funding to support initiation and development of projects identified as priority needs by unanimous vote of committee members.
4. Facilitate sharing of the technological skills, background, and expertise of committee members along with other Colorado access to justice community stakeholders and assist in efforts to make that information available among access to justice communities statewide.
5. Provide leadership in efforts to ensure that the needs of help seekers, as well as the needs of volunteer advocates, participating groups, organizations, and agencies composing Colorado's A2J community stakeholders, are identified, and woven into current systems and plans to satisfy their projected requirements.

Membership

The committee will consist of eight to fifteen members appointed by the Access to Justice Commission Chair who have interests or expertise that coincide with the committee's goals and objectives. Members will be asked to commit to a one-year term with the option of extending appointment at the request of the Access to Justice Commission Chair.

Approved by ATJC on X date.