

Model Charter

**____ Judicial District Access to Justice Committee
Charter**

Adopted _____, 2021

This charter is adopted by the ____ Judicial District Access to Justice Committee (Committee). This Committee shall function under the following rules:

1. The Committee is formed for the purpose of improving access to civil justice for residents of the District, primarily through the development of projects and programs that address emerging and unmet legal needs, such as pro bono representation, legal advice, and self-help resources. Existing projects should be supported, strengthened, and revised as needed. The Committee may also make other improvements in the provision of civil justice for all residents.
2. The Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three individuals who work in the Judicial District with backgrounds such as:
 - a. District court judge or magistrate,
 - b. County court judge,
 - c. Practicing attorney,
 - d. Practicing paralegal,
 - e. Legal aid provider,
 - f. Self-represented litigant coordinator,
 - g. Family court facilitator,
 - h. Persons who have been litigants in a court in the District, either pro se or represented pro bono or by a legal service provider,
 - i. Domestic violence agency representative,
 - j. Immigrant advocate,
 - k. Local bar association representative,
 - l. Managing court interpreter,
 - m. Local librarian,
 - n. Protective proceedings monitor,
 - o. Local non-profit representative, and
 - p. _____
3. The Committee shall select its chair and vice-chair.
4. The Committee shall meet at least twice annually to further its purpose of developing projects and programs for access to justice.
5. The Committee shall collaborate with the Colorado Access to Justice Commission (ATJC), which serves as liaison to the Committee and assists in disseminating information and sharing resources.

6. The chair and/or vice-chair will participate in the bi-monthly meetings of the Local Access to Justice Support Subcommittee. If the chair and vice-chair are unavailable to attend a meeting, they should send a representative from the Committee in their place.