



# TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**Civil Justice Committee**  
**August 30, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Virtual – via Zoom

## AGENDA

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call** (*Judge Emily Miskel*)
- II. **Charge 1: Monitor remote proceedings within the state judiciary and recommend any necessary reforms.**
  - a) Best Practices and Guidance – (*Megan LaVoie and Judge Emily Miskel*)
  - b) Supreme Court Advisory Committee Work – (*Judge Emily Miskel*)
- III. **Charge 3: Consider Best Practices for the Judiciary and compile lessons learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic.**
  - a) Court Backlog Update and preview of Caseflow Management Summit – (*Megan LaVoie*)
- IV. **Charge 4: Continue to study the landscape of the Texas Civil Justice System and recommend any necessary reforms to improve access to justice in Texas Courts.**
  - a) Court Appointed Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases – (*Crystal Leff-Pinon and Geoff Burkhart*)
  - b) Business Courts – (*Justice Jennifer Caughey*)
  - c) Access to Justice Update – (*Trish McAllister*)
  - d) Juvenile Reporting – (*Angela Garcia*)
- V. **Next Steps and Adjourn** - (*Judge Emily Miskel and Staff*)
  - a) **Next Meeting** – September 20, 2022, 3:00 pm, Zoom

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