

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ESTABLISHING THE ARIZONA) Administrative Order
STEERING COMMITTEE ON) No. 2024 - 33
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)
AND THE COURTS)
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As part of the Court’s ongoing commitment to innovation and improvement of legal services, the Court recognizes the transformative nature Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies will likely have on the justice system. AI technologies present unprecedented opportunities and challenges and have the potential to further improve the way courts process cases, streamline workflows and analyze legal information, and impact decision-making. However, it is imperative to approach the integration of AI into court processes in an organized manner that takes into account ethical issues, proper handling of confidential information, understanding of possible biases, and the proper use of these new technologies.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED establishing the Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts (“Steering Committee”), as follows:

1. Purposes.

- a. **Advise:** The Steering Committee shall advise the Arizona Judicial Council on matters related to the implementation, evaluation, and ethical use of AI technologies within the state’s judicial system.
- b. **Serve as a collaborative platform:** The Steering Committee shall serve as a collaborative platform, bringing together experts in AI technologies, legal professionals, technologists, and stakeholders from within and outside the judiciary.
- c. **Identify and implement AI solutions:** The Steering Committee shall recommend guidelines for identifying and implementing AI solutions to improve the efficiency of business processes, reduce case backlogs, enhance overall operational effectiveness, and improve access.
- d. **Develop guidelines and best practices:** The Steering Committee shall develop and recommend guidelines and best practices to ensure the responsible use of AI in the judiciary, mitigating potential biases and upholding the principles of fairness and justice.

- e. **Rules, procedures, and products:** The Steering Committee shall develop and recommend any necessary rules and procedures for use of AI technologies by judicial officers, legal practitioners, and judicial employees and shall recommend specific products to be authorized as state standard technologies, for common work procedures in the judiciary.

2. Membership and Terms. The Steering Committee will consist of standing and ad hoc members. Standing members listed in Appendix A are appointed as members beginning on entry of this Order through the noted term of expiration and may be eligible for re-appointment. Members shall continue to serve until a replacement has been named. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as necessary.

3. Work Groups. The Steering Committee Chair may establish or dissolve work groups which may be, but are not required to be, partially comprised of persons not members of the Steering Committee. Work groups should be created for the completion of a specific task.

4. Meetings. Steering Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. Pursuant to ACJA § 1-202, all meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch.

5. Staffing. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall staff the Steering Committee.

6. Reports. The Steering Committee shall submit reports and recommendations to the Arizona Judicial Council on an as needed basis. Because AI technology is developing at a rapid pace, the Steering Committee may also issue brief reports on specific topics to alert the courts to issues and opportunities that arise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts for terms beginning upon signature of this Order and ending on the dates shown by their respective names.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2024.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A
Membership List
Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts

Chair

Chief Justice Robert M. Brutinel
Arizona Supreme Court

Members

Donald (Don) Bivens
Don Bivens PLLC
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

Aaron L. Judy
County of Maricopa
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

David K. Byers
Administrative Office of Courts
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Ken Kung
Chandler Municipal Court
Term Expiration: 12/31/2025

Bennett Evan Cooper
Dickinson Wright PLLC
Term Expiration: 12/31/2025

Mark Lanterman
Computer Forensic Services
Term Expiration: 12/31/2025

Hon. Jeff Fine
Clerk of the Superior Court of Maricopa
County
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

Gary Marchant
Arizona State University, Sandra Day
O'Connor College of Law
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

Judge Ronda R. Fisk
Superior Court of Maricopa County
Term Expiration: 12/31/2025

Lori Maxwell
State Bar of Arizona
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Judge David B. Gass
Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

John Rezzo
Public Member
Term Expiration: 12/31/2025

Judge Pamela Gates
Superior Court of Maricopa County
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Kyle Rimel
Superior Court of Mohave County
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Karl Heckart
Arizona Administrative Office of Courts
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Jordan Rose
Rose Law Group PC
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The Shely Firm
Term Expiration: 12/31/2027

Jamie Sheppard
BDO
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

Keith Swisher
University of Arizona, James E. Rogers
College of Law
Term Expiration: 12/31/2026

Staff:
Jennifer R. Albright
Stewart Bruner
Marretta Mathes