

**MSBA Judiciary Committee
Meeting Summary**

April 14, 2016

12:00 p.m.

MSBA Honors Room

Present: Dan Cragg – Chair, Don Betzold, Paul Godfrey, Mark McNeil, Kevin Riach, Nancy Mischel-MSBA Staff. **By phone:** Jim Backstrom, Hon. Louise Bjorkman, Charlie Clippert, Margaret Erickson, Hon. Carol Hooten, Hon. Richard Kyle, Jr., Ann O'Reilly.

Update on Civil Commitment Rules – Mr. Betzold, who is a member of the court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Commitment provided background on the Advisory Committee's recent report to the court of recommended changes. The court has not posted the proposed changes for comment. When they do, the MSBA will consider whether to provide comments.

Report and discussion on recommendations from Joint Working Group regarding non-conformities between the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: Mr. Cragg indicated the report from the joint working group is an attempt to be proactive regarding rule changes, rather than simply reactive. Mr. Cragg provided background on each of the proposed changes. Some members of the MSBA's Court Rules and Administration Committee have expressed objections to a few of the proposed changes but there was no clear vote or Committee position in time for this meeting. Therefore, members were not asked to vote until the position of the Court Rules Committee is completed. Mr. Cragg will present information about the proposed changes to the Assembly in April, but the final version of the proposed changes (if passed by the Judiciary Committee) will not be presented for an Assembly vote until their June meeting.