

## FAMILY COURT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### SECOND AMENDED CHARGE

#### A. Charge

Effective June 1, 2000, a Family Court Oversight Committee of seventeen members is established. The Committee shall consist of the Administrative Judge for Trial Courts, one Supreme Court Justice designated by the Chief Justice, the Court Administrator, ~~seven~~ six Superior or District Court Judges, a Family Court Magistrate, two Family Court Managers, two Family Court Case Managers, and ~~two~~ three lawyers from private practice with interest and experience in family matters who have been recommended by the Vermont Bar Association. The two designees of the Bar Association shall be subject to the approval of the Supreme Court. Initial appointments of trial judges shall be for staggered terms -- two members for three years, two members for two years, and two members for one year. Thereafter appointments of trial judges shall be for a three-year term. The Family Court Managers, the Family Court Case Managers, the Magistrate and the two attorney members shall be appointed for three-year terms. Whenever a member resigns or the office is otherwise vacant, the Supreme Court shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. The chair shall be the Administrative Judge for Trial Courts.

The Committee is specifically charged with:

1. The Committee shall oversee the work of all committees, except the Family Rules Committee, and programs in the judiciary working on areas of practice or procedures for the family court and shall coordinate the efforts of those committees when desirable. It may implement recommendations from those committees for the family court with the approval of the Supreme Court.
2. The Committee may receive requests from any member of the judiciary, the legislature, judicial rules committee, or a legal association for assistance with issues concerning the family court. It may create committees to address areas or issues as needed.
3. The Committee may make recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding statutory revisions or additions, amendments to the family court rules, implementation of procedures for docketing, calendaring, scheduling and cash flow management, restructuring of court practices and procedures and adoption of policies.
4. The Committee shall report to the Supreme Court at such times as requested by the Chief Justice on the administration of the family court.

The office of the Court Administrator shall provide the Committee with necessary

administrative and secretarial assistance from its staff.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 23rd day of April, 2007.

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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

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John A. Dooley, Associate Justice

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Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice

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Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice

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Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice