



Vermont Judiciary Commission on Mental Health and the Courts Charge and Designation (Extended)

The Vermont Supreme Court established the Vermont Judiciary Commission on Mental Health and the Courts (“Commission”) on July 18, 2022. The stated purpose of the Commission was to study the interaction between current judicial and mental health systems and to propose measures to better respond to the needs of court-involved individuals with mental health issues. The Commission’s Charge and Designation specified that the Commission was to submit a Report about its work to the Court by December 31, 2023.

The Commission submitted its Report to the Court on December 29, 2023. The Report included an Action Plan with five specific recommendations. It also requested that the Court consider extending the Charge and Designation to permit the Commission to continue its work, including completion of the Action Plan detailed in the Report.

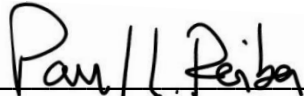
The Court hereby extends the Charge and Designation for the purposes set forth below:


- On an annual basis beginning in 2024 the Commission shall meet to continue its work, including work to implement any Action Plan then in effect.
- On an annual basis, no later than December 31 of each year beginning in 2024, the Commission shall submit a written report to the Court summarizing the Commission’s implementation of the prior year’s Action Plan and detailing any additional recommendations in an Action Plan for the following year.

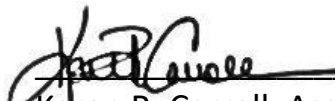
- The appointment of the Commissioners named in the original Charge and Designation shall remain in effect.


This Extended Charge and Designation shall be effective on this date and shall continue until further action by this Court.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 8th day of January 2024.


Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice


Harold E. Eaton, Associate Justice


Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice


William D. Cohen, Associate Justice


Nancy J. Waples, Associate Justice