

Court Technology Task Force

The Court Technology Task Force, chaired by Lang Floyd, served to investigate and report to the president, the Executive Council and the Board of Bar Commissioners on the Bar's prospective role in supporting implementation by the Administrative Office of Courts of the pilot program on online dispute resolution and other new court technology in Alabama. The task force shall work with the Administrative Office of Courts and shall identify and work with other stakeholders on this topic as appropriate.

The task forces established various initiatives throughout the year, and each task was broken into sub-committees.

1. The general consensus of the members was that we look at developing articles relating to technology including: a history of Alacourt, ODR&OTR, electronic storage of exhibits, and access to justice through technology.
2. Additionally, the members expressed a need to identify issues for future technology. Some of the issues identified included: transfer of electronic exhibits from storage to the courtroom and from the circuit court to the appellate court. Communication for lawyers in the appellate courts. Reliable Internet access for lawyers in the courthouses.
3. Kelly McTear volunteered some of her students for a research project on current status of electronic filing and case management systems in surrounding states for a comparison to Alabama.

The task force needs to continue into 2022-2023 in order to complete the projects and continue to work with the court system.