



NH Judicial Branch Domestic Violence Committee

Committee Report/Minutes

Attending: Hon. Kimberly Chabot, Jean Kilham, Anne Zinkin, Karen Gorham, Katie Tripp, Dianne Martin, Chair. (Judge Chabot departed early for an appointment)

The NHJB Domestic Violence Committee met on April 12, 2022 to discuss

1. Training Material Request from the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
2. Draft Circuit Court Form Change Proposals
3. Update on Supreme Court Approvals
4. Wrap up and next steps

At the meeting, the Committee discussed a request from the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence for written materials for training related to the email pilot process for filing a request for a protective order. The Committee discussed and agreed that the process should be memorialized in a written document. Jean Kilham will prepare a draft.

The Committee then reviewed proposed changes to Circuit Court forms intended to implement Recommendation 4.3. The Committee recommended additional changes. All of the proposed changes are intended to clearly and visibly include the deadline for filing a motion to extend the order. Finally, the Committee reviewed the proposed protocols for publishing non-precedential final orders on the New Hampshire Supreme Court's website.

The Chair reported on the Supreme Court's review and approval of the Domestic Violence Task Force recommendations and other tasks for the Committee. The Committee discussed Justice Hantz Marconi's recommendation that the DV Task Force email be converted to use by the Committee and were in favor.

The Committee discussed next steps and scheduled the next meeting.

Recommendations and tasks completed following the April 12, 2022 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation 3.1: Non-precedential final orders in domestic violence and civil stalking cases should be published on the New Hampshire Supreme Court's website without information that would compromise the confidentiality mandated by the VAWA.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 4.3 (part): The final order of protection should clearly and visibly include the deadline for filing a motion to extend the order. • 6.1: The Governor’s Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence should be reconvened, a chairperson should be appointed, and funding should be identified to support a coordinator for the Commission.
<p>Expectations for next meeting</p>	<p>The Committee will follow-up on the e-mail domestic violence protective order petition process, work on Recommendation 4.4 regarding notifying the defendant of the consequences of a domestic violence criminal conviction in relation to the possession and ownership of firearms, create a template for reports/minutes, and prioritize the remaining recommendations for action.</p>