

**COMMITTEE ON THE
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM**

**SUBCOMMITTEE
ON
IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM FOR
EVALUATING TRIAL JUDGES**

AGENDA

Thursday, February 5, 2009 -- 2:00 p.m.

**Superior Court, One Court Street, Middletown
Room 607L**

**PARKING AVAILABLE FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS IN COURT
EMPLOYEE GARAGE NEXT TO COURTHOUSE—MARSHALS HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED WITH NAMES OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. Brief Review of Committee and Subcommittee Charge
2. Brief Review of Development of Existing System
3. Brief Review of Pros and Cons of Existing System
4. Examination of Other Systems
 - a. Other State Court Systems
 - b. ABA Guidelines
 - c. Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System
5. Issues to Consider for Improvement

- a. Additional Evaluators
 - i. PJ's
 - ii. AJ's
 - iii. Court Staff
 - iv. Litigants
- b. Enhance Quality of Data (Revised Questionnaire?)
 - Statistical validity?
- c. Enhance Quantity of Data (To Ensure Statistical Significance)
 - i. Include Evaluations for Mediations, Settlement Conferences?
 - ii. Other Sources of Data or Information?
- d. Earlier/More Frequent Feedback to Judge
- e. Utilization of "Independent Evaluators" (Non-Stakeholders / Observers)
 - i. In addition to other evaluators
 - ii. In lieu of other evaluators
- f. Anonymity Concerns
- g. Questionnaire Distribution Procedures

6. Deadlines / Division of Labor
7. Materials for Subcommittee Members – On request
8. Next Meeting