

Supreme Court of Kentucky

2019-06

ORDER

IN RE: Authorization for the Jefferson County Business Court Docket Pilot Project and Establishment of the Jefferson County Business Court Docket Advisory Committee

Under Section 116 of the Kentucky Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 1.010, the Supreme Court of Kentucky authorizes a pilot project for the implementation of a Business Court Docket in Jefferson County Circuit Court. The Jefferson County Circuit Court judges in Divisions Four and Ten have agreed to participate in this pilot project at the request of the Supreme Court.

The purpose of the pilot project is to create a docket dedicated to the expedited resolution of complex commercial litigation cases. As in other jurisdictions, two general circuit judges will be assigned qualifying business cases and will employ specialized rules and processes suited to the management of business litigation. The Supreme Court anticipates that creation of the docket will also inure to the benefit of other litigants, given that as of the date of its implementation all newly filed qualifying business cases will be assigned to the Business Court Docket alleviating the stress those complex cases would otherwise impose on the general civil dockets of the remaining Jefferson County Circuit Court judges.

To begin the process of establishing best practices for the Business Court Docket, the Supreme Court hereby creates the Jefferson County

Business Court Docket Advisory Committee. The Committee will be chaired by Deputy Chief Justice Lisabeth T. Hughes. The following attorneys are appointed as the initial voting members of the Committee:

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Professor Grace M. Giesel of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY is designated as the Advisor/Recorder for the Committee.

The Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Supreme Court on all matters relating to the Business Court Docket including, but not limited to:

1. Eligibility and jurisdictional scope;
2. Procedural rules applicable to the Business Court Docket;
3. Process for case assignment or transfer; and
4. Additional filing fees, if any.

The Business Court Docket Advisory Committee is further charged with creating performance evaluation forms to be completed by the attorneys and litigants in the Business Court Docket for submission to the Administrative Office of the Courts, which will report the results of the evaluations to the Supreme Court.

This Order shall be effective upon entry and until further Order of this Court.

Entered this 9th day of April 2019.

All sitting; all concur.


CHIEF JUSTICE