

Full Court Reform Council Meeting Summary
Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Attorney General Chris Carr called to order the first full Court Reform Council meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. After reviewing the Governor's Executive Order establishing the Council, the members of the Council introduced themselves. Attorney General Carr suggested that the Council create subcommittees to evaluate three primary areas: (1) The Administrative Procedure Act, chaired by Michael Malihi, Chief Judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings; (2) a statewide Business Court, chaired by David Werner, Executive Counsel to Governor Nathan Deal; and (3) Sovereign Immunity, chaired by Attorney General Carr. Additional issues or areas may be added in the future. After opening up the floor for commentary about the proposed structure, Attorney General Carr reminded the group about the Council's public e-mail address (CourtReform@law.ga.gov)—which will serve as a platform for general input—and the Office of the Attorney General's public website (www.law.georgia.gov/court-reform-council)—which will house information concerning the committee. The full Council agreed to meet on July 17, September 12 and October 16. Subcommittee meetings will be scheduled for June. The full Council meeting in July will serve as a forum for the subcommittees to report their initial findings. At the next full Council meeting, the Council will collectively decide exactly which issues to address and how to proceed with next steps.