

COURT REFORM COUNCIL

Sovereign Immunity Subcommittee

Meeting #1

Friday, June 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Judicial Building, Coleman Conference Room 332
40 Capitol Square SW
Atlanta, Georgia

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At 2:00 PM, Attorney General Chris Carr called to order the first Sovereign Immunity Subcommittee and initiated round-table introductions.

Attorney General Carr provided an overview of the Subcommittee's purpose, and he reminded everyone that the next meeting date would be held on August 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coleman Conference Room (332) of the Judicial Building.

Attorney General Carr also reminded the Subcommittee of the public e-mail address which serves as a platform for general input—and the Office of the Attorney General's public website (www.law.georgia.gov/court-reform-council).

Solicitor General Sarah Hawkins Warren then provided an overview of a recent Georgia Supreme Court case law on sovereign immunity.

Deputy Solicitor General Andrew Pinson noted that cases involving sovereign immunity were pending in the Georgia Supreme Court and offered three potential options for addressing sovereign immunity: keeping the status quo, legislative action or a state constitutional amendment.

Attorney General Carr then opened the floor to questions and comments from the Subcommittee members and other attendees.

After discussion, the Subcommittee agreed that further research into the potential issues and possible solutions was needed before the next Subcommittee meeting.

At 3:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned.