



**Legislative and Judicial Subcommittee  
April 28, 2022  
Meeting Recap**

**Members Present Virtual:** Chair Charles Klug, Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Judge Robert Bauman, Major Joseph Maurer, Laura Henderson, Julianne Holt, Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Karen Perez, Robert Rancourt, and Connie Rose.

**Members Absent:** Angie Martinez, Brent Woody, and Courtney Derry.

**Guests Present:** Lauren Storch, Legislative Coordinator, Government Relations & Strategic Services, Hillsborough County and Ms. Angie Smith, Chief Deputy of Court Programs, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Ms. Lauren Storch, Legislative Coordinator, Government Relations & Strategic Services, Hillsborough County, presented an update on state legislation and a high-level update on HB 615 (Training for Firefighters). She noted that no Governor actions have been taken yet, and that budget related items will be coming soon. Ms. Storch also provided a federal update regarding the bill passed in the Senate that will expand access to communication services for survivors and the Agency level expanded budget items.

Ms. Angie Smith, Chief Deputy of Court Programs, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, spoke regarding working with a vendor on Mapping Court System Processing and Victim Support. Judge Bauman added that victims have been identified in truancy court. Additionally, other potential victims could be in various areas including Family Law and Domestic Violence. Judge Bauman discussed the importance of judges being fully informed of what signs would alert them to a victim.

Chair Charles Klug noted that the victim's treatment court model and successful investigations and prosecutions will be addressed by Courtney Derry, possibly at the following meeting. Judge Bauman and Ms. Rose lead a discussion on using the model that is in place now in courts in Hillsborough County and Florida. Staff read a comment from Ms. Karen Perez noted the curriculum being used to educate grades K-12. Ms. Julianne Holt noted the importance of looking at the data and looping in the Prosecutor's Office in a more timely manner. Ms. Holt suggested stakeholders could go research the models in person. Judge Bauman replied that the model was created after the team went to observe/research. Ms. Dotti Groover-Skipper spoke regarding the great model that exists; Veteran's Treatment Court could be tweaked for the adult Human Trafficking court.

**New Business:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.