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The members heard information from a number of guests covering current practices in two of the three areas of law set forth in the Order, housing and creditor-debtor.

Housing overview:
Housing court operates differently in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 4\textsuperscript{th} Districts than every other district in the state. There are also a number of support services for these metro courts, including housing clinics, pro bono representation and assistance by various offices and agencies, mediation services, and sometimes, financial assistance.

Since the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and the 4\textsuperscript{th} have good support processes for housing disputes already, even though they have the critical mass of case volume statewide, their districts probably need the least assistance with housing cases. Small, rural counties probably have a higher need for legal paraprofessional assistance.

Consumer overview:
Consumer debt represents a large volume of cases, form discovery is very common which would seem to lend itself well to the kind of work that paralegals do. Occasionally, a defendant works with an attorney to draft documents and the attorney might not appear at a hearing to provide representation.

Legal Aid handles a lot of garnishment and motion to vacate cases. These are two areas where they see an option for additional representation assistance could be helpful.

The members also reviewed some MJB case statistics data for consumer credit, unlawful detainer, and rent escrow cases from 2016-2018.

Members then also reviewed some information about paralegal work, education options, and qualifications/certifications.
3. Charter, website, & next meeting discussion  Kim Larson

Members were asked to review and send in comments about the draft charter.

The committee also looked at a sample webpage and agreed that setting up a site would be helpful for future communication and project transparency.

4. Adjourn

Member Roster & Attendance

☒ Justice Paul Thissen            Co-Chair
☒ Judge John Rodenberg           Co-Chair
☒ Thomas Nelson                  MSBA
☒ Sally Dahlquist                Inver Hills Community College
☒ Maren Schroeder                Rochester, MN
☒ Tiffany Doherty-Schooler       Duluth, MN
☒ Pamela Wandzel                 Minneapolis, MN
☒ Christopher O. Peterson        State Court Administrators Office
☒ Bridget Gernander              State Law Library
☒ Guests:
  ▪ Judge John Guthman, 2nd District
  ▪ Judge Ivy Bernhardson, 4th District
  ▪ Michael Upton, 2nd District
  ▪ Ellen Bendewald, SCAO Research & Evaluation
  ▪ Kristin Ferriss, Minneapolis Public Housing
  ▪ Luke Grundman, Legal Aid
  ▪ Larry McDonough, Dorsey & Whitney