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Panel Discussion: Complex FOIA Requests and Litigation



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FOIA Advisory Committee is on a break: back soon!

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Subcommittee Reports

Implementation Subcommittee David Cuillier and Catrina Pavlik-Keenan



Subcommittee Reports

Implementation Subcommittee Mission Statement

“To review past recommendations of the four previous terms of the FOIA Advisory Committee and evaluate the current status of their implementation within agencies themselves. The Subcommittee will be guided by the OGIS dashboard to focus on particular recommendations with the greatest executive branch-wide impact on improving the FOIA process. In undertaking its efforts, the Subcommittee will use a variety of methodologies, including but not limited to interviewing agency personnel, conducting surveys to receive input both from agency FOIA staff and interested members of the public, and inviting individuals to report to the FOIA Advisory Committee as a whole.”



Subcommittee Reports

Implementation Subcommittee Mission Statement (cont'd)

End products might include:

1. Summary of previous work by topic to avoid duplication and re-inventing the wheel for current/future terms.
2. Report(s) and communication with Archivist, agencies, Congress, the requester community, and the public on effectiveness of recommendations and action taken, focusing on those still pending and providing suggestions for moving forward. Identify areas of disagreement over dashboard conclusions on what is so far accomplished.
3. Highlight examples of positive outcomes to aid and inspire FOIA officers.
4. The Subcommittee may also make recommendations on improving future communications by OGIS and OIP to agencies, the public, requesters, and press, to maximize compliance with past and future recommendations.
5. Foster dialogue between the Administration and the requester community and solicit public comments.



Subcommittee Reports

Modernization Subcommittee Jason R. Baron and Gorka Garcia-Malene



Subcommittee Reports

Modernization Subcommittee Mission Statement

“To seek to ‘upgrade’ the administration of the FOIA by focusing on two main areas: examining current gaps in technology, and exploring ways in which interaction with the FOIA requester community can be revamped and improved. For the purpose of enabling the FOIA Advisory Committee to recommend changes in practice, among the actions the Subcommittee intends to take would include (a) conducting a review of the current status of governmental FOIA technology initiatives; (b) engaging with the requester community in soliciting feedback on where agency adoption of specific technologies would have a positive impact on the FOIA process; and (c) examining where improvements can be made in specific areas including, but not limited to, determination letters, large request best practices, default search protocols, and agency response timeframes.”



Subcommittee Reports

Resources Subcommittee Ginger Quintero-McCall and Paul Chalmers



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Public Comments

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The next meeting of the 2022-
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Thursday, March 2, 2023



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