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SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING

Chief Justice Broderick, New Hampshire Supreme Court, provided a keynote address encouraging the new Commission to consider a broad range of interventions to enhance access for the indigent, the self-represented and for all Marylanders.

Mr. Echols outlined the history of Access to Justice (ATJ) Commissions around the country noting ABA's involvement in supporting the work of those commissions since 2000. Additional information about the work of the ABA's Access to Justice Initiatives and range of resources are available at www.atjsupport.org.

The following subcommittees were proposed:

- Safety, Accessibility and Convenience
- Access & Delivery of Legal Services
- Self-Represented Litigants
- Critical Barriers
- Public Education
- Definitions
- Performance Measures and Standards

Commission members concurred that they would adopt a quarterly meeting calendar. Subcommittees may need to meet more often and may want to meet by conference call on occasion.