

Trust Relationship Subcommittee – Approved Tasks

Background and Purpose of the Work:

To explore the definitions and foundation of the trust relationship and how it can be integrated as a part of the Commission work.

Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities:

Members: Chair Fawn Sharp, Commissioner Robert Anderson

ITC Approved Tasks, Expected Work Products, and Time Frame for Reports and Completion of the Work:

Tasks identified on April 10 Administrative Call:

Commissioner Anderson: starting a draft definition of trust relationship, share with Chair Sharp, Mathew Fletcher and other lawyers from ALI meeting. Provide draft in May(?)

Commissioners Zah and Anderson: discuss some of Dr. Zah's thoughts about the trust relationship and how to think about it broadly.

Chair Sharp: may be an opportunity to engage regional groups USET, ATNI re their perspectives.

Commissioner Anderson will look at the international definitions

Commissioner Zah: Discuss how 'trust' was understood/interpreted by Indians early in the history of the relationship

Timeline:

At June meeting have some preliminary responses to questions posed in ITC outreach letter, from tribal and tribal organization perspectives

By June 4 DOI send responses received from Commission outreach letter for subcommittee to begin analysis of input in response to the letter.

Research Subcommittee – Approved Tasks

Background and Purpose of the Work:

To review reports, various documents that relate to the work of the Commission.

Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities:

Members: Commissioner Robert Anderson and Commissioner Stacy Leeds

ITC Approved Tasks, Expected Work Products, and Time Frame for Reports and Completion of the Work:

Report out from call with Commissioner Leeds call with Bryan Rice, Mike Black (BIA) re Pathways tasks.

- Pathways (George Patton) document
 - Summarizes the major issues/themes of previous studies
 - Maps out what we have done to address the issues (and connects with the previous studies)
 - Suggests future focus areas
 - Estimated Completion the week of April 23rd
- Commissioner Leeds' work
 - Four students for the summer
 - Will start from Pathways document
 - Provide relevant legal background and analysis
 - Provide comprehensive list of all the recommendations from previous studies
 - Draft document available for June meeting
- Overall Timeline
 - May Meeting – reference work of Pathways group and Commissioner Leeds' students without producing a document for review
 - June meeting – Discuss Pathways document and draft students' document. Commissioners can use these documents to begin a framework for the SOW for the consultant.
 - Summer Admin Call and/or Open Call – Commissioners finalize the SOW for a consultant
 - August – Issue Request for Proposals

Trust Models Subcommittee – Approved Tasks

Background and Purpose of the Work:

To explore other trust models used by federal, tribal and other governments and private sectors.

Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities:

Members: Commissioner Stacey Leeds and Commissioner Peterson Zah

ITC Approved Tasks, Expected Work Products, and Time Frame for Reports and Completion of the Work:

Commissioner Leeds: student doing preliminary research of pre-existing government structures/models. Estimate early May before preliminary information can be shared.

Dr. Zah: Working with ASU law students to come up with ideal trust models. Look at other possible models from other sources and events.