Indiana Commission to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services  
January 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Indiana Bar Foundation, 615 N. Alabama, Suite 122

10 a.m. Welcome (Honorable Patricia Riley, Chair)  
Introductions  

Background information (Chuck Dunlap, Indiana Bar Foundation)  
• Why the Commission exists  
• Term of service, expectations  

Visioning the future (Marnie Maxwell, facilitator)  
• Understanding where we’re starting from (background information sent in advance)  
• Identifying goals and strategies for the future  

Noon Working lunch

1 p.m. Continued discussion of goals, strategies  
(A 10-minute mid-afternoon break will be included)  

3:45 p.m. Next steps

4 p.m. Adjourn
Indiana Access to Justice Commission
Strategic Planning Sessions: Description

The initial Commission strategic planning session occurred on January 30, 2014 for a full working day with a follow up teleconference on February 25, 2014. We were extremely pleased that of the initial appointments to the Commission we had 16 present for the day long process. The Supreme Court is still in the process of appointing the 17th and final member of the Commission so essentially we had 100% participation from those members that have been appointed to date. In addition to the initial members of the Commission, two staff attorneys from the Indiana Supreme Court administrative office and several staff members of the Indiana Bar Foundation were also present.

After initial introductions a brief background of the current access to justice community in Indiana and a summary of how this Commission came to be formed was provided Marnie Maxwell, the moderator for the strategic planning process, then broke the group into smaller units to address several main areas (goals, mission, vision, areas of need etc.) then brought groups back to share results and discover common ground. The Commission then separated into smaller units again to address areas of focus and action by the Commission. Each group had members from different interest groups: courts, pro bono and paid providers, etc., for diverse perspectives on topics. Most were versed on the topic from their perspectives and learned how other sectors viewed it.

After lunch, the group spent the afternoon addressing additional topics in a similar manner but in new combinations. At end of the day, the commission chair, Judge Patricia Riley of the Indiana Court of Appeals, established some initial committees to address the areas identified in the strategic plan and assigned each member of the Commission to one or more of those committees. Those initial committees created are: Service Providers, PR/Education, Resource Development, and Technology. In addition, the chair volunteered to develop a list of the current providers and resources beyond those present that day.