

IV. COMMITTEES

To carry out and facilitate its mission, the Commission created thirteen committees and various other ad hoc subcommittees and task force groups. The Commission designated Commissioners as the chairs for committees. The role of each committee is advisory only,⁹ and each committee is assigned to make recommendations to the Commission as each committee determines to be appropriate.

Of the committees created by the Commission, there are currently three committees with primarily organizational or administrative functions (Administrative, Annual Report, and Staffing Committees) and ten committees that are subject matter committees as follows:

- Committee on Funding of Civil Legal Services
- Committee on Increasing Pro Bono Legal Services
- Committee on the Right to Counsel in Certain Civil Proceedings
- Committee on Self Representation and Unbundling
- Committee on Maximizing Use of Available Resources
- Committee on Overcoming Barriers to Access to Justice
- Committee on Initiatives to Enhance Civil Justice
- Committee on Education, Communications and Conference Planning
- Committee on Alleviating Poverty in Hawai'i
- Law School Liaison Committee

The initial charters for the subject matter committees are drawn largely from two sources—the fourteen purposes of the Commission set forth in Rule 21 and the action steps proposed in the Hui Report. See Appendix “C” for the Memorandum adopted by the Commission establishing the Committee structure. See also Appendix “D” for a list of Committee membership.

⁹ See Appendix E for the Commission’s Committee Protocol Guidelines.

