

Sandra L. Karison Selected as Director of the Court Improvement Program

Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, is pleased to announce that Sandra L. Karison has been selected as Director of the Court Improvement Program, effective August 10, 2016.

Sandy has served as Assistant Director of Legal Research in the Office of the Executive Secretary since September 2004. Previously, she served as Staff Attorney for the Court Improvement Program and as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Richmond representing the Richmond Department of Social Services and Children's Services Act office. She also has worked in private practice and for Rappahannock Legal Services.

Sandy is a graduate of the University of Virginia. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law.

The Court Improvement Program develops and facilitates integration of procedures and best practices for court cases involving juvenile and family law, and supports implementation of Judicial Council standards for guardians ad litem for children and incapacitated adults. A particular focus of the program is improving the ability of the court system to manage and resolve cases of child abuse, neglect and foster care and to advise about implementation of state and federal laws and policies governing permanency planning for dependent children, through the support of a U. S. Department of Health and Human Services grant first awarded to the Office of the Executive Secretary in 1995.