



ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Video Hearings Committee on Adjudication FACT SHEET

fast facts

SCOPE

This in-house project examined the use of video hearings by federal agencies which examined the costs and benefits of video hearings as they are used and the possibilities for expansion of use within federal agencies.

CURRENT STATUS

At its Plenary Session on June 16-17, 2011, the Administrative Conference of the United States adopted Recommendation 2011-4. This recommendation is the result of the public, consensus-driven work of the Committee on Adjudication of the Assembly of the Conference.

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at a glance

ACUS RESEARCH

Administrative Conference research projects are gathered from many sources: from Congress, from other federal agencies, from public interest or other organizations, from academics and other experts, and from members of the public.

BACKGROUND

This project examines the current use of video hearings by certain agencies as well as the possibilities for use of video hearings by other federal agencies.

The first phase of the project examined the implementation and use of video hearings at various agencies. This phase critically studied the costs and benefits of video hearings through the use of various qualitative methods and the examination of all relevant and readily available quantitative data.

The second phase of the project used information learned from phase one to research and identify possibilities for use of video hearing by other federal agencies with high volume case loads. The second phase also reviewed and identified any problems, issues and/or barriers to the implementation and use of video hearings by other federal agencies.

RESOURCES

Project materials, to include the final Recommendation, are available at on the ACUS website under Research>Current Research Projects.



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ACUS RESEARCH PROJECTS

Availability of Administrative Legal Materials

Congressional Review Act

e-Rulemaking Innovations and Experiments

FACA in the 21st Century

FDA / Inspections

Government Contractor Ethics

Government in the Sunshine Act

Immigration Adjudication

Incorporation by Reference

International Regulatory Cooperation

Legal Issues in e-Rulemaking

Methods of Collaborative Governance

Midnight Rules

Model Agency

Purposeless Procedural Traps

Rulemaking Comments

Science in the Administrative Process

Video Hearings

what we do

The Administrative Conference of the United States is an independent federal agency dedicated to improving the administrative process through consensus-driven applied research, providing nonpartisan expert advice and recommendations for improvement of federal agency procedures.

who we are

Its membership is composed of innovative federal officials and experts with diverse views and backgrounds from both the private sector and academia. The membership of the Conference, also known as the Assembly, includes the Chairman, the Council, members from approximately 50 federal executive departments and agencies and independent regulatory boards and commissions, and 40 members of the public representing diverse views and backgrounds.

how we do it

The Conference is committed to promoting effective public participation and efficiency in the rulemaking process by leveraging interactive technologies and encouraging open communication with the public as well as making improvements to the regulatory process by reducing unnecessary litigation, improving the use of science and improving the use of applicable laws.

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