

## Timeline

1. Previous Minnesota formal plans
  - a. 1981-82 master plan led to creation of the MSBA LAD Committee and Volunteer Legal Services (now ATJ) Director, creation of the Coalition's State Support Center, creation of the first mandatory IOLTA Program, enactment of a civil filing fee surcharge to support state appropriations for legal aid, and development of volunteer attorney programs to serve all 87 counties
  - b. 1990 LAD Committee Plan led to revision of Rule 6.1, first required pro bono reporting petition to the Court (denied), creation of Loan Repayment Assistance Program, Law School Initiatives, Bernard P. Becker Awards, Law Firm Pro Bono Policies, improved in forma pauperis statute, expanded MSBA leadership involvement, and more
  - c. 1995 Joint Legal Services Access & Funding Committee led to attorney registration fee increase for legal aid, Coalition's technology initiatives (a separate 10-year plan), increased legislative funding, enhanced collaboration and coordination of all civil legal aid providers, judicial district pro se and pro bono action plans, cy pres initiatives, creation of the MN Legal Aid Foundation Fund, IOLTA interest rate initiatives, second pro bono reporting petition to the Court (denied), and more.
2. LSC Consultant Linda Rexer visits Minnesota to evaluate state planning – July 19-23, 1999. Report submitted in October 1999. Recommendations were an integral part of planning from 1999-2002 including successful proposal to initiate a peer review process.
3. LSC state planning team visit for the week of July 8, 2002 cancelled.
4. Melissa Pershing assigned to replace Barb Gibson as LSC State Planning Staff Contact for Minnesota -- August 26, 2002
5. Melissa Pershing visit to Minnesota with Lisa Melton – October 21, 2002 – first notice (verbal) of LSC concern with configuration. Met with Coalition and other legal aid project directors and administrators, LAD Committee co-chairs, MSBA Pro Se Committee Chair, Lawyer Trust Account Board Director, and full LAD Law School Initiatives Committee.
6. Letter from Melissa Pershing giving “formal notice of LSC’s concerns regarding the configuration of LSC recipient programs in Minnesota” – received December 9, 2002.
7. Coalition configuration-related planning, moving beyond discussions in previous planning processes (for example the 10-year virtual statewide law firm plan)
  - a. October 21 -- half-day planning meeting.
  - b. November 8 full day meeting reflected on the collective vision and values
  - c. December 16 full day meeting laid out and discussed various planning models
  - d. February 3 full day visioning meeting continued, expanded and focused discussion of planning models; configuration ideas; planning partners; and integration of immigrant/refugee planning, technology planning, pro bono initiatives and peer review; and proposed the timeline.

8. LSC-funded programs updated LAD Committee about LSC state planning communications – January 28, 2003
  - a. LAD Committee requested MSBA Executive Committee to ask Court to form commission – February 6, 2003
  - b. LAD Committee made presentation to MSBA Executive Committee and EC adopts LAD resolution – February 21, 2003
9. Programs and MSBA receive Pershing letter providing feedback on September 2001 Self-Evaluation – February 17, 2003
10. Coalition representatives and MSBA contact or meet with the Court with request to forming commission with MSBA, Coalition, other providers and the Court all contributing names – April target date for meeting with the Court
11. Coalition program directors convene on April 15 with two members of each of the seven programs' boards of directors. The ATJ Director and some key staff will also be present for this full day meeting. Melissa Pershing will join the group for a couple of hours.
12. April, May and June Melissa Pershing visits all LSC-funded programs.
13. Court appoints co-chairs and commission members – may not happen until close of Legislature in late May or June
14. Coalition programs and ATJ Director collect information for and write 2003-04 IOLTA proposal which will serve as major background piece for commission members – March 7-April 25
15. Commission convenes for initial meeting – late June or early July depending on close of Legislature
  - a. Commission forms sub-committees -- meet over the summer
  - b. Working groups on Immigrant/Refugee Planning, Coalition Peer Review, IOLTA funding and IOLTA litigation, Pro Bono Initiatives, and Technology share information with the Commission
  - c. Sub-committees report back to full Commission – early September
  - d. Monthly Commission meetings in September, October and November
  - e. Draft report by early December
16. Commission adopts report for submission to MSBA and the Court before submission to LSC at the end of the year.
17. Commission shares updates with LAD and Coalition throughout the process. Updates are also provided to local bar and community groups with opportunity for input and feedback.
18. Providers share updates with their boards throughout the process