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Good afternoon –

Arizona’s Task Force on Countering Disinformation issued a report and recommendations in October 2020 for ways to promote trust and confidence in Arizona’s courts. Three of the Task Force’s recommendations specifically included reaching out to a national association of lawyers known as ABOTA for ways to collaborate on countering disinformation while protecting First Amendment rights. After the Task Force’s report was issued, we learned about the American College of Trial Lawyers and were encouraged to reach out to your association as well.

As Chair of the Task Force I invite you to review the attached document of our recommendations. Although the report references ABOTA, we would like to partner with ACTL on these efforts as well. The references appear in Recommendation 2 (itemized recommendation #12) and in Recommendation 6 (itemized recommendations 22 and 23). For the full report and recommendations, see the Task Force’s website at

<https://www.azcourts.gov/cscommittees/Task-Force-on-Countering-Disinformation>.

Please let me know if ACTL would like to designate a liaison to stay in touch with the Arizona Supreme Court’s Task Force. We would also welcome a member to attend one of our monthly task force meetings for an introduction and to share information about your group and ours.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information, and thank you for your consideration.

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