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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Alf,

I hope you are well. It was wonderful to meet you in Washington, DC in January, and I am very much looking forward to this possible collaboration we have been discussing between SciJustice and DTW. Before I forget, too, it turns out that our world is small. As I was investigating potential opportunities and partners for SciJustice out west, I reconnected with a former professor of mine, Holly Doremus at Berkeley. She told me I should link up with Attorney Alf Brandt, and had lovely things to say about you!

Theresa shared about her meeting with you all and your good conversation. Testing SciJustice with judges within the DTW program sounds like an exceptional opportunity for both DTW and SciJustice.

We have been developing the pilot concept, and wanted to share our latest thinking with you. As we have envisioned it thus far, the essential idea of the pilot would be to test both the interface itself, (e.g., does the matching process work as developed for judges and experts, does the AI chat box engagement work successfully), as well as to test our hypothesis that SciJustice provides a valuable addition to existing scientific resources for judges, and that they actually want to use it. We see the pilot as iterative--with opportunities for judges to provide feedback to us in real time--so that we can make adjustments to improve both the experience of the tool and its overall substantive value.

It would be good to talk through this general concept as well as the specifics with you. Indeed, we had some questions that would be helpful to discuss, which we've listed below. Some of these questions you can answer directly, while others we recognize we will have to work out ourselves. But all of them will benefit from your knowledge.

1) Thinking about the overall group who will be engaged, which states do you think would make the most sense for us to work with? How many jurisdictions do you advise that we work with at the same time? We'll want to find the right balance between sufficient activity on the SciJustice platform so we can really test its usefulness and not becoming overwhelmed as we are building.

2) Relatedly, how many judges realistically do you think will want to work with us?

3) What do you think it is reasonable to ask of them in terms of time/substantive commitment?

4) What permissions, (e.g., MOUs), do you think we will need from the judges, or could we run the pilot under the authority of DTW/NJC?

5) How many engagements do these judges have within a 6-month period? There is a minimum number of questions we would want to address as part of the pilot (we will figure out what that number is)...but to get a sense of how long we should plan to run it, how many questions do you think we could expect to field in a 6-month period?

6) How should we discuss the SciJustice pilot externally, (e.g., during the pilot, as part of a hearing a judge might hold, with media, funders, in any publications that we might want to write)?

7) How many topics should we try to cover? This number will help us determine how many experts we should train. We are thinking that it would be more valuable to cover a broad number of subjects to test the resilience of the SciJustice experts but it would be helpful to hear from your perspective what breadth of expertise you think would be needed.

8) If it's feasible, it would be useful for us to see the materials that the judges have access to. We're happy to sign an NDA or MOU or whatever feels appropriate.

9) Are there financial implications for DTW for conducting the pilot that we should discuss?

It's possible that a call may be a more efficient way to get to some of these details rather than written responses--we'd be happy to schedule one if you have time this coming week of 20 April?

Thank you again for your engagement with SciJustice. We are really excited for the opportunity to work with you, DTW, and the NJC.

Very best!
Heidi

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