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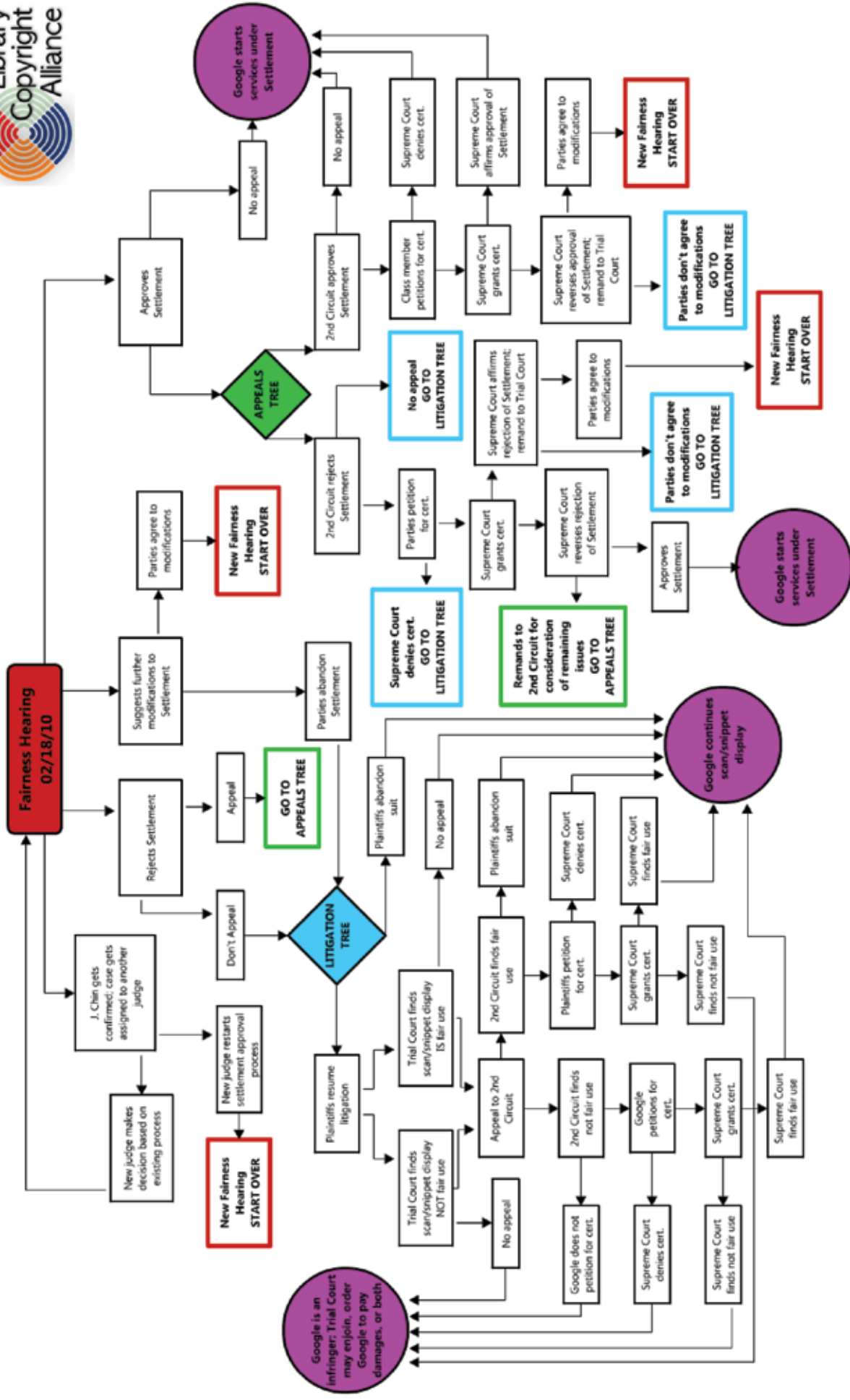
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Now that the fairness hearing on the **Google Book Settlement** has occurred, it is up to **Judge Chin** to decide whether the proposed settlement is “fair, reasonable, and adequate.” This chart attempts to diagram some of the possible paths forward.

Notwithstanding the complexity of the chart, it does not reflect all the possible permutations. For example, it does not mention stays pending appeals nor whether litigation would proceed as a class action. Moreover, the chart does not address the substantive reasons why a certain outcome may occur, e.g., the basis for **Judge Chin** accepting or rejecting the **Settlement**. And it doesn't begin to address the issue of Congressional intervention through legislation. In short, the precise way forward is more difficult to predict than the NCAA tournament. And although the next step in the **GBS** saga may occur this March, many more NCAA tournaments will come and go before the buzzer sounds on this dispute.

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