CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES

CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 5

In Support of the Court Statistics Project

WHEREAS, for over 30 years the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators and the National Center for State Courts have collaborated through the Court Statistics Project to collect and publish state court caseload statistics; and

WHEREAS, these statistics are used in the management and administration of justice in the state courts; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for the Court Statistics Project has been abruptly withdrawn in 2012 due to fiscal constraints of the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts is the national repository and clearinghouse for essential reference information on the work of the state courts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators reaffirm their support for the Court Statistics Project as a core activity conducted on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conferences reaffirm the necessity for continuing the national repository of state court caseload statistics and urge the National Center for State Courts to seek permanent funding for the Court Statistics Project.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Court Management Committee and the COSCA Statistics Advisory Committee at the 2012 Annual Meeting on July 25, 2012.