RESOLUTION

State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003

WHEREAS the National Association for Court Management (NACM) is committed to improving the administration of justice and is dedicated to the development of court managers; and

WHEREAS NACM adopted the Core Competency Curriculum Guidelines that recognize that courts must skillfully and continuously evaluate caseflow with qualitative information and data and statistics, identify problems, and successfully build support for implementing and managing change; and

WHEREAS NACM members work in partnership with the National Center for State Courts to carry out the Court Statistics Project (CSP), the primary function of which is to collect and analyze data relating to the work of the nation’s state courts; and

WHEREAS the CSP developed data definitions and data standards in the State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003 in consultation with state and trial court administrators, state and trial court statisticians, and other experts throughout the court and academic communities; and

WHEREAS the Court Statistics Committee has approved the CSP’s State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003 and recommends that the Guide be adopted as the model approach to data reporting for the state trial and appellate courts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for Court Management adopts the State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003 as the model approach to data reporting for the state trial and appellate courts AND urges all of its members to take immediate steps to implement the Guide in their states and in their local jurisdictions.

Adopted at the National Association for Court Management Board of Directors Annual Meeting in Grapevine (Dallas), Texas, on July 10-11, 2004.