

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 23

In Support of State Implementation of the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003*

WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) seek to improve the administration of justice through the development, exchange and dissemination of information and knowledge to state judicial systems; and

WHEREAS, COSCA in December 2003, and CCJ in 2004, adopted Resolutions in support of principles of effective judicial governance and accountability, recognizing that courts need to assure that comprehensive data on filings, caseloads, case processing standards and goals, and expenditures are collected and made readily available; and

WHEREAS, COSCA established the Court Statistics Committee to 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 Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators adopt the State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, 2003 as the model approach to data reporting for the state trial and appellate courts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CCJ and COSCA urge their members to take immediate steps to implement the Guide in their states.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Court Management Committee at the Annual Meeting on July 29, 2004.



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.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

August 9-10, 2004

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States Congress and state and territorial legislative bodies to allocate sufficient funding to ensure that appropriate federal, state and territorial agencies have means and resources to accomplish standardized data collection and retention of lawsuit data.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association recommends that:

1. Federal, state and territorial lawsuit data be collected and retained in a standardized manner in accordance with the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting 2003*;
2. The United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics support, and the National Center for State Courts continue, the Civil Justice Survey, an effort by the National Center for State Courts to measure general civil litigation in the nation's 75 largest counties;
3. The Survey be enlarged to include a sample of smaller counties to offset the urban bias in the existing sample; and
4. The methodology in the 1992 Civil Justice Survey (wherein data was collected on all general civil cases filed and disposed, regardless of type of disposition) be utilized.