

Supreme Court of Florida

AOSC02-27

IN RE: COMMISSION ON TRIAL COURT PERFORMANCE
AND ACCOUNTABILITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Improving court performance and accountability is a vital and overarching goal of the Florida State Courts System. In 1998 the judicial branch embarked on an initiative to support ongoing enhancement of the performance of Florida's courts and improvement in the ability of the courts to be accountable to the people. The Judicial Management Council established a Trial Court Performance and Accountability Committee to oversee the initiative within the trial courts.

That committee made significant progress in developing and implementing a comprehensive performance and accountability system for the Florida court system. Due to the increasing workload demands on the committee, this Court has determined it is appropriate to separate the committee from the Judicial Management Council and establish it as a distinct commission.

The Court Statistics and Workload Committee was established in 1984 to oversee the development, monitoring, and oversight of data and statistics related to

trial court activity, including the Summary Reporting System, the annual certifications of need for additional judges, and the Delphi Weighted Caseload Project. These processes have been and will continue to be critically important to the circuit and county courts of Florida.

There is a close logical and operational nexus between court performance and accountability efforts and court statistics and activity measures. Accordingly, the Trial Court Performance and Accountability and Court Statistics and Workload committees are hereby merged and reconstituted as the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability, which is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Develop, coordinate, report, and make recommendations to the Supreme Court on a comprehensive performance measurement, improvement, and accountability system for the trial courts.
2. Conduct analyses and make recommendations regarding trial court resources, activities, and services as deemed appropriate, including: statements of purpose; definitions of court resources, activities and services; descriptions of the value of court resources, activities and services; parameters of service provision; performance measures and data collection necessary to report on performance measures; and

recommendations on changes to statutes, court rules, and administrative policies and procedures to improve trial court performance.

3. Review trial court case management information and data reporting requirements and coordinate the development of uniform reporting procedures. This includes the information required in support of annual certification of need for additional trial court judges and to comply with the performance and accountability reporting requirements.
4. Collaborate with the Trial Court Budget Commission and the Office of the State Courts Administrator in the development of a budgeting framework that allows for expression of the fiscal resources needed to effectively administer the trial courts.
5. Monitor the Summary Reporting System, the Delphi Weighted Caseload measures, and other trial court data reporting systems used in the certification process and in performance and accountability measures, and make recommendations to the Supreme Court for enhancements that will improve the reliability of these systems, or the development of alternatives.

6. Monitor the process and methods used to assess system capacity and the need for additional resources; way that this assessment is used in the annual certification of need for additional trial court judges, including the data and methods of data analysis to document the need; and advise the Supreme Court and the Office of the State Courts Administrator on ways to improve the integrity of the process and the quality of the data.
7. Monitor the process and data used to establish performance measures for the trial courts including the data and methods of data analysis, and advise the Supreme Court and the Office of the State Courts Administrator on ways to improve the integrity of the process and the quality of the data.
8. Monitor trial court performance data and provide feedback and guidance to trial court judges and court administrators.
9. Respond to constitutional and statutory requirements and requests by the Florida Legislature and the Office of the Governor concerning trial court performance, measures, data, and methodology.

The following individuals are appointed to serve on the Commission for terms to expire on July 1, 2004:

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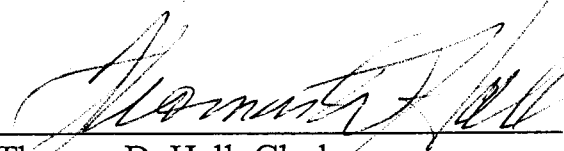
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DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on August 30, 2002.



Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead

ATTEST:



Thomas D. Hall, Clerk

