The State Of Judicial Performance In Louisiana

The fifteenth annual report on "The State of Judicial Performance in Louisiana" has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Judicial Budget and Performance Accountability Act of 1999 (R.S. 13:84). Under the Act, the Judicial Administrator of the Supreme Court is responsible for developing a performance accountability program and for reporting annually on court performance. This report provides information on steps taken by the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, and the City and Parish Courts to implement the provisions of their respective plans for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

In each annual report, the Judicial Administrator is required to present the following information:

- A brief description of the strategies being pursued by courts to improve their performance based on their respective strategic plans;
- A detailed analysis of the Supreme Court's progress in creating a data gathering system that will provide additional measures of performance;
- A description of the uniform reporting standards that will be used to guide the development of the data gathering system; and,
- An analysis of the barriers confronted by the courts in establishing the data gathering system.

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A review of the major strategies initiated or completed by Louisiana courts during the period reveals that courts reported substantial progress in enhancing services for court users, increasing court efficiency, improving court security and emergency planning, developing court-sponsored programs and partnerships to benefit their communities, and educating the public on the important role of laws and courts in society. I urge you to review the report for further information on these strategies.

These relevant and important innovations and accomplishments demonstrate that our state judiciary is hard at work serving the citizens of Louisiana. We commend and thank our state judges and their staffs for these innovations and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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