

The State Of Judicial Performance In Louisiana

The sixteenth 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016**.

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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The Supreme Court and the district courts made extensive changes to their strategic plans for the 2015-2019 cycle; these changes are reported on here for the first time. The Supreme Court developed new goals and began working on the strategies to carry them out. Especially of interest is the ongoing development of a new case management system. The district courts also developed new goals and strategies and decided to focus their efforts on one strategic campaign per year, beginning with Campaign 2: Develop Effective Communication.

A review of the major strategies initiated or completed by Louisiana courts during the period reveals that courts at all levels looked inward to review and update court processes, thereby providing better services to court users and enhancing security for court staff and the public. The courts also continued to reach out to the communities they serve, developing court-sponsored programs and community partnerships and educating the public on the important role of the justice system 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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