

# 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017**.

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 at all levels worked to provide better access to justice for court users, especially civil litigants, through technology such as new case management systems and assistive listening devices. Courts also worked to better serve those needing the protection of the court by focusing on the expeditious processing of protective orders and abuse cases and by improving information-sharing with other agencies. 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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