

The State Of Judicial Performance In Louisiana

The seventeenth 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. In addition, courts are required to adopt five-year Strategic Plans. 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 strategic plans for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

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 safe and accessible facilities for court users through security and technology upgrades, ADA-compliant renovations, and more assistive equipment. The number of Specialty Courts, which have proven to be highly effective, has increased as judges continue to volunteer their time to handle dockets in drug, reentry and veterans’ courts.

Courts also worked to better serve court users by increasing the forms and other assistance available for self-represented litigants and applying technology and changing court processes to make court proceedings more efficient and less expensive. The courts also continued to reach out to the communities they serve, developing programs to address trauma in youth; 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 efforts in implementing the strategic plans.

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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