Fundamentals of Caseflow Management

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Fundamentals of Caseflow Management

Section I:

- > What is Caseflow Management?
- > Why is it important?
- ➤ What is the cost of failure?
- > Why should we care?

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Definition of Caseflow Management

Coordination of court processes and resources to move cases timely from filing to disposition, regardless of the case type or the type of disposition.

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Caseflow Management Objectives

The goal of caseflow management is to create an environment that assures **justice** is achieved in each case in a **fair**, **timely** and **efficient** manner.

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Caseflow Management Objectives - Continued

Effective caseflow management pursues the following objectives:

- 1. Equal access to court processes for all litigants
- Timely disposition consistent with the circumstances of the individual case
- 3. Enhance the quality of the litigation process
- 4. Enhancement of public confidence in the court as an institution

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Basic Methods

- Creation of case events, but most importantly, management of the time between events.
- Time allowed should be long enough to allow preparation, but short enough to encourage preparation
- Creation of a predictable system that sets expectations and helps assure that required action is taken

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Evolution of Delay Reduction Theories

Approaches to Delay Reduction 1960s - Early 1970s

- Simplify court structure and jurisdiction
- Streamline rules of procedure
- Reduce case volume
- Increase court resources

ABA Standard 2.50 on Court Delay Reduction

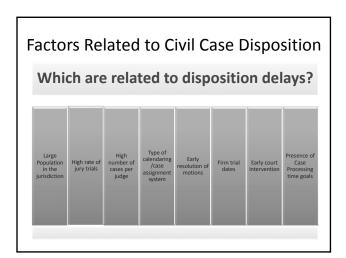
- From the commencement of litigation to its resolution, whether by trial or settlement, any elapsed time other than reasonably required for pleadings, discovery, and court events is unacceptable and should be eliminated.
- > To enable just and efficient resolution of cases, **the court**, not the lawyers or litigants, should control the pace of litigation.
- A strong judicial commitment is essential to reducing delay and, once achieved, maintaining a current docket.

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Research

- > 1987 NCSC examination of twenty-six metropolitan trial courts
 - ✓ Why cases are disposed of at a faster pace in some courts than others
 - ✓ What factors account for the pace of litigation in each jurisdiction

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Research Results - Summary

- ➤ No correlation between case *filings*, *judicial* resources and court productivity
- Courts disposing of cases by jury were neither less productive nor slower than courts with a lower jury activity
- ➤ The type of *calendaring system* was not the key to improved productivity and efficiency

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Research Results - Continued

➤ Only consistent factor present in the faster jurisdictions and absent in slower jurisdictions:

Early intervention and strong case management by the *Court*

- Early court intervention
- Early resolution of motions
- Firm trial dates

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Research Results - Continued

"The pace of litigation in each locality was a product of the expectations, practices and informal rules of behavior of judges and attorneys in the jurisdiction."

THE LOCAL LEGAL CULTURE

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Court Culture

Court Culture Includes:

- Norms, Values and Expectations
- Communications Patterns Spoken and Unspoken
- Power Relationships/Types Legitimate, Coercive, Expert, Informational, Reward, Connection, and Referent
- Loyalty to the institution or the profession?

"How things are done around here"

Dimensions of Culture

Solidarity

 The degree to which a court has clearly understood shared goals, mutual interests, and common tasks

Sociability

 The degree to which people are able to work together in a cordial fashion

Court Personality

Assessing Your Organization

- The values emphasized in each court can be thought of as a court culture or court personality
- Instrument to assess value orientation in courts
- Responses provide a picture of court personality

Why is Case Management important?

JUSTICE

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Professor Ernest Friesen Quote

> "Justice is the process of finding the truth and the chance of finding the truth diminishes with the passage of time. Memories fade, witnesses and documents become unavailable, and the vigor with which lawyers prepare the case may be eroded by numerous unproductive court appearances and continuances of scheduled hearings."

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Common Criticism

> Caseflow management is an assembly line process which sacrifices justice for speed.

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Justice vs. Speed

- Is it better for the attorneys to prepare 5 times or have the litigants arrange their schedules 5 times due to continuances or for them to do it only once?
- ➤ Is it better use of justice system resources to send out **notices** 5 times and pull the **file** 5 times or to schedule the case once and complete it?
- ➤ Is justice better served and memories sharper if trials are held 1 to 2 years after the filing or 90 –120 days?

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What is the cost of failure?

Lost Public Trust and Confidence

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The Uncomfortable Truth

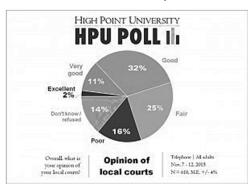
How Much Confidence Does the Public Have in Our State Courts?



13% STATE COURT SYSTEM

Source: NCSC and Justice at Stake Funding Justice: Strategies and Messages for Restoring Court Funding First Edition, 2012

What Do North Carolinians Think About Their Court System?



What Do North Carolinians Think About Their Court System?

➤ 63% disagreed or disagreed strongly that cases are resolved in a timely manner

Why should we care?

- > The authority of government under a democratic system is derived from the people
- > The loss of public trust and confidence in our justice system weakens the institution

Why should we care?

- > When trust and confidence are eroded:
 - > There is a lack of public support, which
 - > leads to lack of political support, which
 - > leads to a lack of funding, which
 - > leads to greater diminishment of services, which
 - > leads to a further erosion of trust and confidence.
- > An inexorable downward spiral

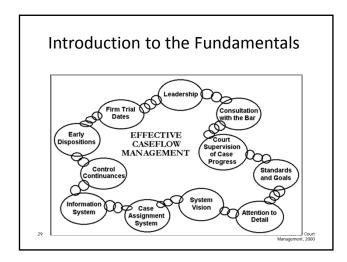
Direct Correlations

- The effective and efficient administration of justice is vital to protection of our rights and liberties, economic prosperity, and integral to public safety
- ➤ The direct correlation can be seen through the Court's connection with families, businesses and communities

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Section II Fundamentals 1 - 9

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Fundamental 1 - Judicial Commitment and Leadership

- > Chief Judge should set the tone
 - > Establish partnership with administrators, coordinators and clerks
 - > Provide new judge orientation
 - ➤ Establish court-wide policy
 - > Involve other agencies
- > Shared Leadership Judges must:
 - > Manage other judges mutual accountability
 - > Be committed and show commitment

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Characteristics of Successfully Managed Courts

- > Willingness to initiate change
- > Accountability
- ➤ Persistence

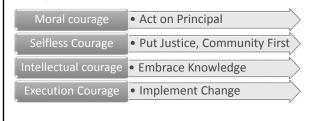
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Leading Change is Dangerous It challenges values, norms, beliefs, and attitudes It's personal lt's about loss It's about how people define themselves It's about loyalty to previous relationships

Building Courageous Leaders

- Courageous Leadership is Dangerous! It's about changing the Status Quo
- > It requires...



Fundamental 2 Internal and External Communication

- > Internal
 - > Core Team Collaboration: Judge, Clerk, FC
 - > Regular File Reviews
 - > End of Session Reconciling Calendar Notes
 - > Interim Meetings Policies and Procedures
 - ➤ Collegial Communication
 - > Judicial Mentoring
 - > Continuous Learning Environment

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Fundamental 2 - Continued Internal and External Communication

- > External
 - > Effective caseflow management is a concern of both the court and the bar
 - > Meetings should be regularly scheduled
 - > Purpose is to have dialog and gain input, not to obtain reaction

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Fundamental 3 Court Supervision of Case Progress

Three Axioms

- > Lawyers settle cases, not judges
- > Lawyers settle cases when prepared
- > Lawyers prepare for significant events

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Fundamental 3 Court Supervision of Case Progress

- > Four Principles:
 - ➤ Early court intervention
 - ➤ Continuous court control
 - > Set on a short schedule
 - > Create the expectation and the reality that events will happen when scheduled

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Fundamental 4 Standards and Goals

- > Macro
 - > Overall docket
 - > Filing to disposition
- ➤ Micro
 - > Specific cases
 - > Time between events
- > Related performance goals
 - > Session Continuances
 - > Session Not reached
 - ➤ Session Productivity
 - > Session Utilization

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Standards and Goals What gets measured.. If you don't measure results... If you can't see success... If you can't see success... If you can't reward it and you can't learn from it. If you can't reward it and you can't learn from it.

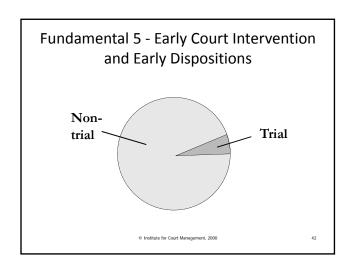
TABLE 2. AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TIME STANDARDS* Time Within Which Cases Should be Adjudicated Or Otherwise Concluded Case Type 90% 98% 100% General Civil 12 Months 18 Months 24 Months Domestic Relations 3 Months 6 Months 12 Months Felony 120 Days 180 Days 365 Days Misdemeanor 30 Days - 90 Days

Why Time Standards Are Helpful

- > Promote prompt justice
- > Provide motivation to achieve time goals
- Yardstick for measuring effectiveness of management, programs, and individuals
- > Starting point for development of management procedures
- Promote use of information systems to monitor caseload and provide performance data

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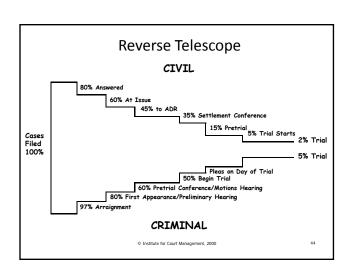
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Guidelines for Early Non-Trial Dispositions

- > Create an early disposition climate
- > Review case status at every event and consider every event a disposition opportunity
 - > What issues remain open?
 - > Does every issue have an upcoming event scheduled?
 - > Has a deadline been communicated for submission of an order?
 - > Does the order submitted address all claims filed in original pleading?

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Actions A Judge Can Take to **Obtain Early Dispositions**

> Pretrial Conferences

- ➤ Scheduling Conferences
 - Set deadlines for significant eventsDiscuss ADR Options

 - > Identify any human services needs

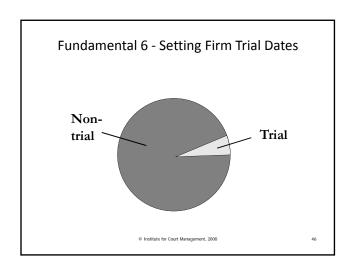
> Status Conferences

- ➤ Review progress
- > Resolve any outstanding problems > Review status of human services referrals

> Judicial Settlement Conferences

- > Discuss outcome of ADR
- > Discuss Strengths and Weaknesses of each side case
- > Discuss what has happened in similar cases at trial

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Guidelines for Setting Firm Trial Dates

- $\,{\bf x}\,\,$ Planning court calendars requires the court to evaluate two things: $_{\mbox{\scriptsize x}}$ The number of cases that will survive to the scheduled date;
 - $\ensuremath{\mathbf{x}}$ The number of cases that can be handled during a particular term.
- $_{\ensuremath{\mathrm{X}}}$ Schedule as few cases for trial as possible. With fewer cases set for
 - trial, firm trial dates can be given.

 x Goal: 10% or less not reached, 10% or less of available court
- $\,_{\times}\,$ Set firm trial dates. Do it once.

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Trial Setting Options

- > Set trial date at scheduling conference
- > Set trial date at end of final settlement conference
- > Set trial dates in near future appear imminent

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Identifying Problem Dockets - 1

- 1. Not reached rate > 10%
- 2. Continuance rate > 10%
- 3. Next available trial date > 180 days in future
- 4. Poor court-time utilization
 - Start time 10:00 a.m. or later
 - Stop time 3:00 p.m. or earlier
- 5. Motions, hearings, calendar conferences scheduled more than once on same case

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Identifying Problem Dockets - 2

- 6. High numbers of skipped cases
 - > Cases skipped on docket due to length or complexity
 - > Cases routinely last longer than projections

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Fundamental 7 Controlling Continuances and Avoiding Backlogs

No system will work unless continuance requests carefully scrutinized.

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Keys to Controlling Continuances

- > Written court policy Discourages requests and specifies acceptable criteria
- > Track continuance rate to see if policy is enforced
 - ➤ Who continued?
 - > Reasons for continuance?

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Continuance Rules

- > Continuances breed continuances
 - > If attorneys believe case will proceed as scheduled, they will prepare
 - > Preparation minimizes the need for continuances
- Cannot establish trial date certainty if don't carefully scrutinize continuances

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The Continuance Conundrum

Due to unreadiness
Attorneys request
continuance

When low on list
attorneys may not
prepare case & have
witness present

Usually cases low on list
are not reached for
trial

Court schedules
unrealistically high
number of cases

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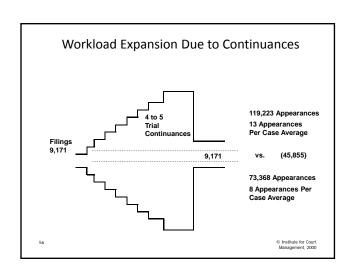
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Impact of Continuances

- > Simple things become complex over time
- > The higher the volume, the greater the impact
 - > Number of people per case (family, friends, children)
 - > Number of appearances per case

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Fundamental 8 Monitoring and Information Systems

- ➤ Using Statistical Reports as Management Tools
 - ▶ VCAP
 - ➤ CaseWise
 - > JWise
 - > ACIS

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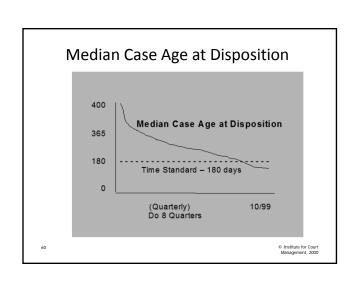
Organizing Data into Usable Easy to Read Reports

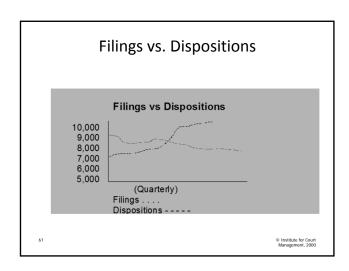
Good Reports Should Enable You To ...

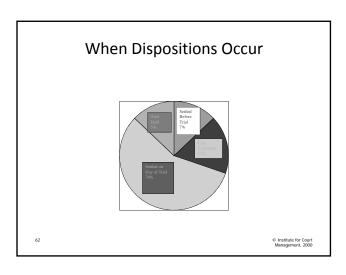
- ➤ See Vital Pulse and blood pressure information at a glance i.e., management reports
- ➤ Identify information specific to each case i.e., cases missing next action or next action date

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AGE OF DISTRICT COURT PENDING DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD 6 -12 Mos. # # # # Days 18.2 1.061 24.9 2011 4.262 2.423 56.9 778 132 4,068 120 4,296 2,622 61.0 730 17.0 944 22.0 121 2014 3.995 2.396 60.0 19.4 822 20.6 115







Fundamental 9 Systems Approach

- ➤ Caseflow management is not just the court; it's the whole system
- > Everyone has to work together
- > Include all individuals and agencies involved
- > Obtain buy-in of all involved

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Why A Team Approach is More Efficient

- > More motivation
- > More commitment
- > Team can withstand more stress
- > Team generates and sustains energy
- > More excitement and enthusiasm
- > Different perspectives in problem solving

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The Importance of Teamwork and Consistency

> No single person can make the system work, but one person can cause the system to fail

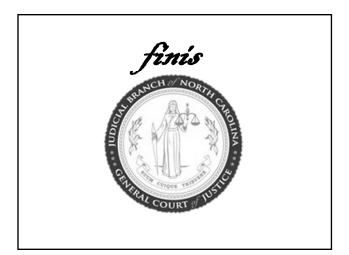
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Take Home Self-Assessment Exercise

Examining the strengths and weaknesses of your court

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Court Culture Assessment Instrument

Dominant Case Management Style			Preferred
I	There is general agreement on performance goals,		
	but centralized judicial and administrative staff		
	leadership is downplayed and creativity is		
	encouraged. As a result, there are alternative		
	acceptable ways for individual judges to apply		
	court rules, policies and procedures		
П	Judicial expectations concerning the timing of key		
	procedural events come from a working policy		
	built on the deliberate involvement and planning		
	of the entire bench. Follow-through on		
	established goals is championed and encouraged		
	by a presiding (administrative) judge		
III	There is limited discussion and agreement on the		
	importance of court wide performance goals.		
	Individual judges are relatively free to make their		
	own determinations on when key procedural		
	events are to be completed.		
IV	Judges are committed to the use of caseflow		
	management (e.g. early case control, case		
	coordination, and firm trial dates) with the		
	support of administrative and courtroom staff.		
	Written court rules and procedures are applied		
	uniformly by judges.		
	TOTAL	100	100

Identify the relative degree of CURRENT emphasis that you think is placed on the value by your court. Divide 100 points among these four alternatives depending on the extent to which each alternative best describes your court. Give a higher number of points to the alternative that is most descriptive of your court.

Turning to your PREFERRED emphasis, identify the relative degree of emphasis you would like to see your court embrace.

Name		

INDIVIDUAL CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this activity is to give you the opportunity to look at your court's strengths and weaknesses in caseflow management, reflecting the understanding of caseflow management principles you have gained in the course thus far. Then, based on your assessment of individual strengths and weaknesses, you can consider your court's areas of greatest strength, and those areas where some change might be beneficial.

DIRECTIONS

- Read the statements below and on the following pages. For each statement, think about where your court falls on the scale provided, and circle the number that reflects your rating of your court. If you are uncertain, provide your best guess.
- When you have completed the rating for all of the statements, calculate your score in key areas, following the directions on the SCORING SHEET that follows the statements.
- > Then plot your scores from the SCORING SHEET on the ASSESSEMENT RESULTS graph that follows the SCORING SHEET.
- 1. The chief judge or another key judge plays a leading role in initiating caseflow management improvements in this court.

12345rarelyoccasionallyusually

2. In our court there is a philosophy that the court should control case progress.

3. The court has adopted explicit time standards or guidelines for case disposition.

1 2 3 4 5 no standards informal guidelines time standards exist

	changes is:				
	1	2	3	4	5
	there is none	discussion when requested by bar	informal contact	occasionally initiated by court	structured consultation is standard practice
5.	Consultation with a deadlines for comp			occurs early in a ca	ase to set
	1	2	3	4	5
	no	if requested by lawyer	in some cases	complex cases only	in all but the most minor cases
6.	When new caseflo			considered, the co	ourt's leaders
	1	2	3	4	5
	no	rarely	by information copy of proposal	if they are interested	standard policy
7.	There are published refer.	ed rules governing	the caseflow proce	ess to which the co	urt and bar may
	1	2	3	4	5
	no published policies		exists for some areas		yes, govern all major caseflow issues/areas
8.	These policies are	followed/enforced	d.		
	1	2	3	4	5

The courts' mechanism for consulting the bar about caseflow problems or proposed

4.

rarely

occasionally

consistently

9.			seflow management in miting continuances to the second sec		
	1	2	3	4	5
	generally, no		inconsistent	-	generally, yes
10.	Judges with admir status of the case		oility meet with the jud	dges in their divis	sion to review the
	1	2	3	4	5
	never	rarely	when a problem surfaces	occasionally	on a regular basis
11.	Consultation betw occurs.	een judges and co	urt administration and	d staff about the	caseflow system
	1	2	3	4	5
	rarely		only when a problem occurs		regularly
12.		as the number and	II or part of the caselo		
	1	2	3	4	5
13.	not available The court supervis	ses case progress	if they request it from filing to final dis	position	regularly
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	1	2	3	4	5
	leave it to the attorneys	when requested	only for case problems	in most cases	all cases have future action dates assigned

14.	management.	. all levels are awa			
	1	2	3	4	5
	there are no goals		some are aware	top stall only	yes
15.	The court begins to	o exercise supervi	sion of case progress	s at the time of filir	ng.
	1	2	3	4	5
	no, rely on attorneys to monitor each other	in problem cases	in complex cases	in most cases	in all cases
16.	The court has goa scheduled date.	ls concerning the f	requency with which	trials should occu	ır on the first
		_	_	-	_
	no stated goals	2	informal atondorda	4	5
17.	no stated goals	widely regarded by	informal standards y the bar, the judges		yes, explicit goals
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19.	management.	ine current status,	nistory, and related	i cases is available	Tor use in case
	1	2	3	4	5
	only from case files		by special request	readily available on request	provided routinely
20.	Judges whose per informed of the dis	•	nd times to disposit	ion do not meet co	urt goals are
	1	2	3	4	5
	we do not collect this information	rarely	sometimes	by monthly stat. report	by court leaders as a matter of court policy
21.	_	ne court's pending o			_
	1 do not know	2	about 30% older	4 about 1—15% are	few cases are older
	do not know	many cases are older than the court's (or aba) time standard re: max. disp. time	about 50% older	older	than the standard for max. disp. time
22.	Overall, case prog	ress and the timele	essness of case dis	position are	
	1	2	3	4	5
	controlled by the bar	not really under control	controlled for if requested by counsel	sometimes controlled by the court	generally controlled by the court
23.		nning of a scheduling being reached on		calendars provides	attorneys
	1	2	3	4	5
	rarely	less than half the time	about 50% of the time	better than half the time	95-100% of the time

	Mediation:				
	1	2	3	4	5
	i never		occasionally	4	frequently
			,		, ,
	Arbitration:				
	1	2	3	4	5
	never	_	occasionally	·	frequently
	Other form of Alte	ernative Dispute Res	solutions:		
	1	2	3	4	5
	never		occasionally		frequently
25.	Mechanisms exis caseflow system:	t for consulting the b	oar concerning pro	blems or proposed o	changes in the
	4	_	_		
	<u> </u>	2	3	4	5
	no mechanisms;	no mechanisms	consultation as	formal mechanisms;	formal mechanisms
	no mechanisms; rare consultation		consultation as needed, requested by bar	formal mechanisms; occasional consultations	
26.	rare consultation	no mechanisms occasional informal	needed, requested by bar	occasional consultations	formal mechanisms frequent
26.	rare consultation	no mechanisms occasional informal consult staff review the age	needed, requested by bar and status of the	occasional consultations pending caseload.	formal mechanisms frequent consultations
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24. The court uses the following:

28.	The judges and staff review the extent to which goals are met:				
	1	2	3	4	5
	never	rarely	annually	occasionally	often
29.	Attorneys are rea	ady to proceed on the	e scheduled date:		
	1	2	3	4	5
	rarely	less than half the time	about 50% of the time	better than half the time	95-100% of the time
30.	Consultation bety	ween judges and sta	off concerning case	flow management p	problems occurs:

5 as often as necessary/desirable

substantially less often than necessary/desirable

31. The following court: (Y – y		nformation is readily ava	ilable and regular	rly used in our
<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>USED</u>	INFORMATION		
		Number of pending ca	ases by case type	•
		Age of pending cases	(in age categorie	es)
		Change in the above since last year	measures since la	ast report and/or
		Age of pending caselo	oad compared to	time standards
		Median age of cases	at disposition or ra	ange of ages
		Disposition pattern (fa	ıll out) of our case	eload
		% of trials starting on	first assigned tria	l date
		Number of continuance	es in each case	
		Reason for each conti	inuance	
		Who requested contin	uances in each c	ase
		Other (specify)		
To score this ques total by 4.	tion, add the number o	of Y's in the <i>AVAILABLE</i>	E and <i>USED</i> colur	
32. There are exevent in the		juidelines governing the	intervals between	n each major
1	2	3 not sure	4	5
no		HUL SUICE		yes

33.	Potentially protracted or complicated cases are identified early for special attention.					
	1	2	3	4	5	
	no	only if attorneys bring them to court attention	if they happen to come to the attention of staff or judge		yes, a specific procedure exists for early identification	
34.	The information/re	ecordkeeping syster	m facilitates monitorin	g the progres	ss of each case:	
	1	2	3	4	5	
35.			somewhat g attorney schedule co			
	system and attorn	eys' schedules are	accommodated to the	extent reas	onably possible:	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	needs improvement				needs no improvement	
36.	Court policies/prol	olems regarding co	ntinuances are:			
	1	2	3	4	5	
	policies do not exist in this division	never discussed at judges' meeting or staff meetings	sometimes discussed		frequently discussed at judges or staff meetings	
37.	Discussions amor procedures occur:		nistrators concerning o	caseflow ma	<u>nagement</u>	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	substantially less often as necessary		infrequently		as often as needed	

38.	There are goals or gupending cases, number		erning other aspects of ca ances, etc.	seflow such	an number of
	1	2	3	4	5
	none		some informal		yes, we have performance standards
39.	Generally, these police	cies are follov	wed/enforced:		
	1	2	3	4	5
	rarely		occasionally		consistently
40.	The staff/judges use dormant:	this system to	o monitor the progress of	each case;	cases may not lie
	1	2	3	4	5
41.	no The ease of attorneys	s obtaining a	when time permits continuance of a hearing	or trial date:	yes :
	1	2	3	4	5
	easily obtained upon request/stipulation		attorneys must show cause, but no written requests		strict policy requiring written request/motion and showing substantial cause
42.	Simple cases which r	might be disp	osed of early are identifie	d for special	processing:
	never	rarely	only at the request of counsel		routinely

	1	2	3	4	5
	over one year	6 mosyear	3-6 mos.	1-3 mos.	2-4 weeks
4.	How often are sch judge can reach in		inued because there	e are more ready c	ases that the
	1	2	3	4	5
		1	accesionally.	frequently	regularly
	never	rarely	occasionally	nequentry	regularly
5.		•	delines for case disp		5 yes

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

INSTRUCTIONS: Plot the final score for each dimension on the graph below:

									Caseflow Information System
									Consultation and Communication
									Standards and Goals
									Calendar Management Procedures
									Judicial Leadership
									Court
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SCORING SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Place the score for each question on the assessment instrument in the appropriate space below:

Court Control of Caseflow	Ju	Judicial Leadership	2 4	Calendar Aanagement Procedures	St	Standards and Goals	Consultation and Communication	ion and ication	Caseflow Information System
8	1		9		3		4		12
6	2		7		14		9		19
13	10		23		16		11		27
15	17		24		28		25		31
18	20		56		32		30		34
21			33		38		36		
22			35		39		37		
26			42		45				
40			44						
41									
43									
TOTAL =	TOTAL =		10	TOTAL =	10	TOTAL =	TOTAL =		TOTAL =
Out of 55 possible, Divide total by 55.	Out of 2 Divide	Out of 25 possible, Divide total by 25.	Out Divi	of 45 possible, ide total by 45.	Out	Out of 40 possible, Divide total by 40.	Out of 35 possible, Divide total by 35.	oossible, al by 35.	Out of 25 possible, Divide total by 25.
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