

2003 Bar/Court Survey of Justice Improvement Activities

INSTRUCTIONS

We encourage you to reply electronically at www.abanet.org/justice or sending a word processing document as an email attachment to paulanessel@staff.abanet.org or on a disk to the address below. Otherwise you can fax the information to Paula Nessel at 312/988-6100.

Please submit your checklist and narrative report by Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

Here are the steps:

ONE: Review the enclosed narrative report submitted in 2001 for your state.

TWO: Complete the 2003 **checklist** using the enclosed form and faxing or mailing it back **or** accessing the form on the Website at www.abanet.org/justice and submitting it electronically.

THREE:

Either

Create a new narrative report, preferable as a Word document, and send it to email: paulanessel@staff.abanet.org as an attachment or on a disk to the address below. Be sure to give complete contact information for your organization (name, title, organization, address, tel., e-mail, Website) at the end.

Or

Update your 2001 narrative report. If your organization submitted a report in 2001 and you just need to update it, you can copy your 2001 report from the Website <www.abanet.org/justice> and paste it into a word processing document, revise it, and send it as an attachment or on a disk.

If you use a word processing format other than Microsoft Word, please identify it with your transmission.

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR NARRATIVE REPORT:

Describe your justice improvement activities in civil, criminal or juvenile justice since those reported in 2001 plus those activities your organization is planning. Of special interest are—

- Activities resulting from the May 1999 Public Trust and Confidence Conference
- Activities that include non-lawyer groups such as community, business or labor organizations or court users

These activities can include task forces, citizen conferences, court futures commissions, “And Justice for All” National Issues Forums, public opinion surveys, focus groups, etc.

Include, where possible, the following information about each activity:

- How is it working?
- What can you share with colleagues about notable results, publicity, or lessons learned?
- How is the project/activity funded?

If you are unable to transmit your Word document as an attachment, please **mail** a disk copy to:
Paula Nessel, ABA Coalition for Justice, 541 N. Fairbanks Ct., Chicago, IL 60611-3314.

*******Responses are due by Wednesday, April 30*******

Questions? Call Deidra Franklin at 312/988-6138 or e-mail at dfranklin3@staff.abanet.org

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CHECK LIST

Please use this paper form only if you cannot access the Website at www.abanet.org/justice

Your Name: _____ Your Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

I. Check the activities in which your organization itself has been active between 2001 and today.

- Activities to improve public trust and confidence in the justice system
- Commission on the “future” of the courts
- Justice committee that includes non-lawyers in addressing broad justice concerns
- Citizens conference, town hall meetings, community forums on justice issues
- “And Justice for All” National Issues Forum – number: _____
- Other effort involving citizens or non-lawyer groups: _____
- Access to justice, legal services, *pro bono*, indigent defense
- Alternate dispute resolution (e.g. arbitration, mediation)
- Bias (gender, racial) in courts or profession
- Drug/alcohol abuse (see also Problem solving courts)
- Civil justice laws, practices, procedures
- Criminal justice, crime prevention, corrections, death penalty, gun violence
- Court funding, judicial impact statements
- Family courts, family law, divorce (see also Unified family courts)
- Judicial selection, compensation, or tenure or judicial independence
- Jurors/juries

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CHECK LIST (continued)**

Organization Name: _____

- Juvenile justice, including youth/teen courts
- Lawyer professionalism, ethics, competency, lawyer-client relations
- Problem solving courts (e.g., community courts, drug courts, domestic violence courts, mental health courts)
- Public information, law-related education (youth or adult), e.g., peer mediation training in schools
- Self help (*pro se*)
- Serving special needs, e.g. domestic abuse, AIDS, disabled, elderly, homeless (see also Problem solving courts)
- Surveys of the public or court users
- Therapeutic justice, balanced and restorative justice
- Unified family courts (one judge/court team serving all of a family's court needs)
- User-friendly courts (e.g. information kiosks, ombudsman, signage, children's waiting room)
- Other: _____

II. Tell us how the ABA can help you (e.g. activity clearinghouse, how-to materials, etc):

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by Wednesday, APRIL 30.**

**Mail non-electronic information such as reports, publications, etc. to:
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