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RE: 2010 Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals Solicitation

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

On behalf of the Conference of Appellate Technology Officials (CATO), I write in support of the 2010 Survey of State Criminal Court Appeals project proposed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). CATO supports national efforts to better document the types of criminal cases appealed to appellate courts and the outcomes of those appeals.

The project team is well suited to plan and execute the proposed research project. NCSC has a lengthy record of work with the Nation's state court systems and brings expertise in the areas of case processing, appellate court operations, and court research. We support the proposal submitted by the National Center and are looking forward to receiving an accurate national picture of criminal appeals cases.

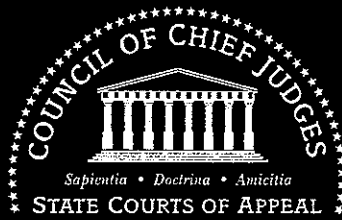
In the design and development grant (12-month project awarded in 2009), the NCSC worked closely with a very capable advisory council. Due to the effective working relationships we developed with members of CATO, NACCC, and CCJSCA along with a subject matter expert from academia in this previous project, the NCSC would like to preserve this advisory team so as to not reinvent the wheel and start where the previous grant left off. As such, CATO offers to work with the National Center for State Courts in an advisory capacity on this project.

I will serve as a representative to join a focus group of subject matter experts to inform the content of the data collection instrument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Haas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Dear Mr. Sinclair:

On behalf of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Court of Appeal, I write in support of the 2010 Survey of State Criminal Court Appeals project proposed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The Council supports national efforts to better document the types of criminal cases appealed to appellate courts and the outcomes of those appeals.

The Council of Chief Judges offers to work with the National Center for State Courts in an advisory capacity on this project. The Council will nominate a representative to join a focus group of subject matter experts to inform the content of the data collection instrument. We will also encourage our members to participate in the project.

The project team is well suited to plan and execute the proposed research project. NCSC has a lengthy record of work with the Nation's state court systems and brings expertise in the areas of case processing, appellate court operations, and court research. We support the proposal submitted by the National Center and are looking forward to receiving an accurate national picture of criminal appeals cases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Sinclair:

On behalf of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC), I write in support of the 2010 Survey of State Criminal Court Appeals project proposed by the National Center for State Courts. The NCACC supports national efforts to better document the types of criminal cases appealed to appellate courts and the outcomes of those appeals.

The National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks offers to work with the National Center for State Courts in an advisory capacity on this project. The NCACC will nominate representatives, John Tarleton Olivier of Louisiana, Rory Perry of West Virginia and Thomas Hall of Florida, to join a focus group of subject matter experts to inform the content of the data collection instrument. We will then receive regular reports on the project from our representatives, and seek participation from our membership-at-large.

The project team is well suited to plan and execute the proposed research project. NCACC has a lengthy record of work with the Nation's state court systems and brings expertise in the areas of case processing, appellate court operations, and court research. We support the proposal submitted by the National Center and are looking forward to receiving an accurate national picture of criminal appeals cases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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