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Dear Directors:

Pursuant to Chapter 216, *Florida Statutes*, our Long Range Program Plan (LRPP) for the State Courts System is submitted in the format prescribed in the budget instructions. The information provided electronically and contained herein is a true and accurate presentation of our mission, goals, objectives and measures

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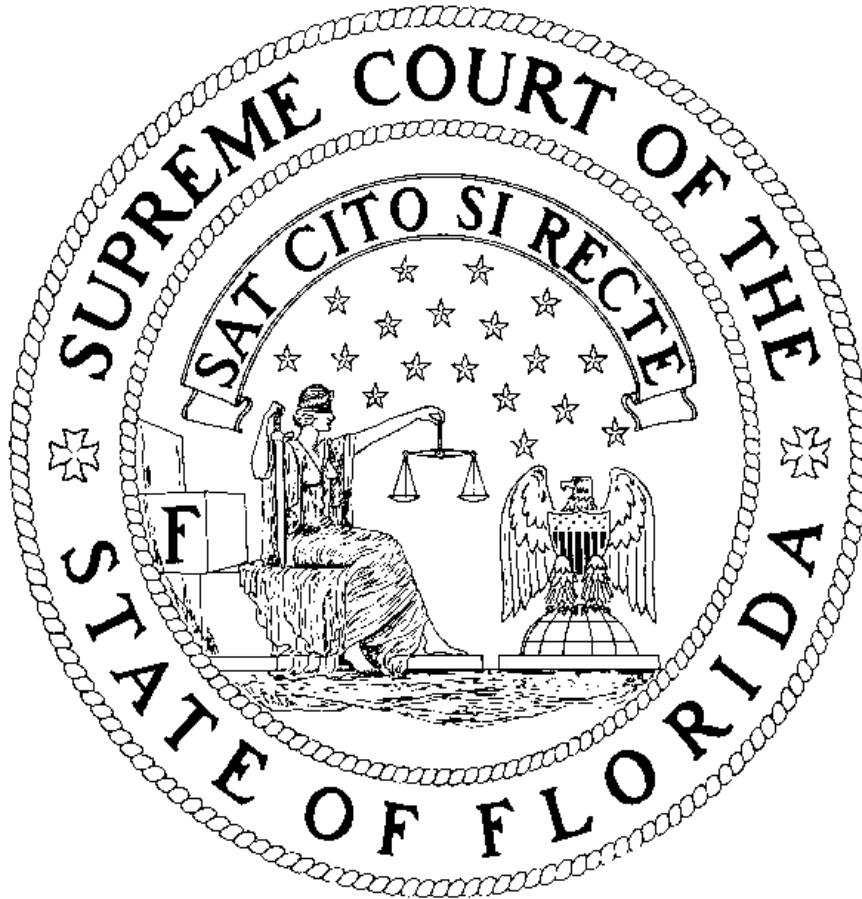
Sincerely,

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Judicial Branch State Courts System



Long-Range Program Plan Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2014-15

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Vision

Justice in Florida will be accessible, fair, effective, responsive, and accountable.

To be accessible, the Florida justice system will be convenient, understandable, timely, and affordable to everyone.

To be fair, it will respect the dignity of every person, regardless of race, class, gender or other characteristic, apply the law appropriately to the circumstances of individual cases, and include judges and court staff that reflect the community diversity.

To be effective, it will uphold the law and apply rules and procedures consistently and in a timely manner, resolve cases with finality, and provide enforceable decisions.

To be responsive, it will anticipate and respond to the needs of all members of society, and provide a variety of dispute resolution methods.

To be accountable, the Florida justice system will use public resources efficiently, and in a way that the public can understand.

Mission

Protect rights and liberties, uphold and interpret the law, and provide for the peaceful resolution of disputes.

State Courts System Goals Overview

The strategic direction delineated in this plan establishes the long-term focus of the judicial branch and outlines strategies to address issues evolving from past events and trends. Some strategies improve upon what has been done in the past and others point the branch in new and different directions. The strategic direction provides context for how the branch will organize, provide services, and fund activities.

The State Courts System's comprehensive goals are organized around five long-range issues that identify significant challenges that must be addressed over the long term in order to move toward fulfilling the vision and mission of the judicial branch. An updated long-range strategic plan for the judicial branch was approved by the Supreme Court on July 1, 2009 and reflects goals and strategies for a plan of action over the next six years. Priorities will also be set through 3-year operational plans.

The long-range plan was developed by the Task Force on Judicial Branch Planning through multiple methods to gather a wide range of perspectives and expertise. The methods allowed for an identification of strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities facing the State Courts System. Methods included surveys of the public, court users, jurors, attorneys, judicial officers, and court staff. Additionally, nine public forums were held in communities across the state as well as a meeting of representatives of justice system partner organizations and focus groups composed of subject matter experts.

The updated long-range issues are: Issue #1 – Strengthening Governance and Independence; Issue #2 – Improving the Administration of Justice; Issue #3 – Supporting Competence and Quality; Issue #4 – Enhancing Access and Service; and Issue #5 – Enhancing Public Trust and Confidence.

The State Courts System long-range strategic plan uses the terms: *issues*, *goals*, and *strategies* to define its systemic direction. The following sets out descriptions of the long-range *issues* (condensed from the long-range plan) as well as the *goals* (desired future states) and *strategies* (general courses of action to accomplish the goals) associated with each strategic issue.

Issues, Goals, and Strategies

Long-Range Issue #1: Strengthening Governance and Independence

The Constitution of the State of Florida creates the judicial branch along with the legislative and executive branches, and vests the judicial power exclusively in its courts. To fulfill its mission, the judicial branch must strengthen its ability to fully function as a coequal and independent branch of government, to govern itself with coherence and clarity of purpose, to manage and control its internal operations, and to be accountable to the people.

To achieve this in an era of increasing workloads and limited resources, the branch must govern itself effectively and efficiently. The judicial branch must also have the capacity to develop and implement effective and responsive policies, to deploy its resources efficiently, and to provide transparency and accountability in the management of resources.

Goal: The judicial branch will be governed in an effective and efficient manner.

Strategies:

- Reform and strengthen the governance and policy development structures of the judicial branch.
- Implement a governance structure with the capacity to consult with affected constituencies and stakeholders and to produce policies that are responsive, coherent, and timely.
- Effectuate a governance structure that can implement policies in an efficient and effective manner.

Goal: The judicial branch will interact effectively with all parts of government on issues related to the justice system.

Strategies:

- Strengthen the capacity to regularly communicate with the legislative and executive branches on issues affecting the justice system.

- Create institutional mechanisms to consult and coordinate activities with justice system partners on issues affecting the justice system.

Long-Range Issue #2: Improving the Administration of Justice

The state courts of Florida annually dispose of more than 3.5 million cases, ranging from simple traffic citations to serious criminal cases and complex civil disputes with multiple parties. These cases are disposed through a range of dispute resolution processes, including diversion, mediation, plea, and adjudication by trial. The resources needed to process cases vary depending on the type of case and the manner of disposition. Increasingly, many litigants choose to represent themselves without counsel, which can pose challenges to the court. In addition, the Constitution of the State of Florida provides for a right of appeal of all final judgments as well as some non-final orders.

The management of such large caseloads and the administration of the resources and personnel necessary to manage the different types of cases is a complex undertaking. This task is increasingly challenged by growing caseloads and decreasing resources. To meet these challenges the courts must constantly find ways to improve the processes used to accomplish their constitutional mission. The judicial branch must remain committed to ongoing improvement in the administration of justice, including effective case processing policies and the efficient management of resources.

Goal: Cases will be processed effectively, efficiently, and in a timely manner.

Strategies:

- Develop and implement case management practices to resolve cases in a timely and effective manner.
- Continue to explore and implement effective alternative dispute resolution processes.
- Develop the capacity of the State Courts System to timely monitor key caseload and workload information at the circuit, appellate, and statewide levels.

Goal: The State Courts System will utilize public resources effectively, efficiently, and in an accountable manner.

Strategies:

- Enhance the capacity of the State Courts System to manage court resources and services in a cost-effective and accountable manner.
- Continue to develop and institutionalize performance and accountability management systems that implement best practices in resource management.
- Improve the institutional capacity of the courts to coordinate activities and services that optimize the resources and effectiveness of justice system partners.
- Assess and modify, when necessary, services provided by Florida courts and functions performed by clerks of court to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Augment the capacity of the judicial branch to enforce orders and judgments, including collections of fees and fines, compliance with terms of probation, and adherence to injunctions.

Goal: The State Courts System will have an adequate statewide information technology system adequate to support effective and efficient case management and management of caseloads and court resources.

Strategies:

- Develop and implement standards that effectuate the equitable statewide deployment of functionally compatible information technology infrastructure within the judicial branch, or;
- Pursue restructuring of information technology funding to enhance statewide equity and functional compatibility.
- Enact policies that coordinate the deployment of compatible information technology infrastructure within the judicial branch.
- Institute policies to build a comprehensive uniform statewide case management information system that integrates the case maintenance systems of the clerks of the circuit courts.

- Expand and integrate information technology systems statewide that support best practices within the courts, including resources management and performance measurement systems.
- Implement uniform statewide State Courts System communication technologies, including electronic filing, electronic access to court records, electronic scheduling, and electronic appearance of attorneys and parties.
- Continue to improve data sharing and data integration with justice system partners.

Goal: The roles and responsibilities of the state courts and the circuit clerks of court when performing court-related functions will be clearly defined.

Strategies:

- Improve the capacity to review services performed by circuit clerks of court when performing court-related functions.
- Enhance the institutional capacity of the courts to coordinate activities and services with the clerks of court at all levels.

Long-Range Issue #3: Supporting Competence and Quality

The delivery of justice is affected by the competence and quality of judicial officers, administrators, and court staff. Law and court procedures are increasingly complex, and those within the judicial system face difficult legal and ethical issues as well as heightened societal expectations. Consequently, advanced levels of training and development are critical to enable those who work within the system to effectively perform the challenging work of the courts and meet demands placed on them. The Florida State Courts System is committed to having a workforce that is highly qualified and dedicated to service.

Ongoing professional development, education, and training, with appropriate emphasis on effective resource management policies and practices and ethical behavior, are essential to ensure a competent and high quality workforce to adequately address court operations, improve interactions with the public, and enhance perceptions of procedural fairness. Court system users reasonably expect the courts to employ effective management techniques, continuous operational

improvement, innovative technologies, and superior service levels. The State Courts System will continue to foster working environments and organizational cultures marked by high achievement and work satisfaction while successfully meeting these challenges.

Goal: Judges and court employees will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to serve and perform at the highest professional levels.

Strategies:

- Improve and expand training and educational opportunities and offerings, adding self-learning resources and electronic/online tools for judges and court employees.
- Foster professional development and growth through programs such as succession planning, mentoring, coaching, job shadowing, on the job learning, and introduction to management and leadership.
- Collaborate with local, state, and national providers to enhance and expand training and development opportunities.
- Provide training on the use of existing and evolving technologies.
- Develop and provide programs to strengthen the management and leadership skills of judges, executive management, and supervisory court employees.

Goal: All court employees will be of good character and adhere to high standards of professionalism and ethics at all times.

Strategies:

- Develop, adopt, and implement statewide standards of professional and ethical conduct for non-judge court employees.
- Emphasize professionalism and ethical behavior in training and educational programs and materials.
- Support effective procedures for responding to complaints of unethical or unprofessional behavior.

Goal: The State Courts System will attract, hire, and retain highly qualified and competent employees.

Strategies:

- Improve, expand, and modernize recruitment methods and practices, including the use of new technologies and networks, to attract competent and qualified candidates.
- Increase diversity so that the State Courts System better reflects the demographics of individual communities and aids in enhancing effective interactions with people of different cultures.
- Provide monetary and non-monetary incentives, rewards, and recognition for excellent service and performance.
- Provide career paths and advancement opportunities for non-judge court employees.
- Create a motivating, satisfying, and purposeful work environment and organizational culture that values and engages judges and court employees.
- Advocate for competitive pay and benefits that are comparable to market rates.
- Provide judges and court employees with the information, resources, tools, and technology needed to do their work well.

Goal: The judicial branch will attract, retain, and support highly qualified judicial candidates.

Strategies:

- Ensure that the most challenging judicial assignments have adequate resources and support.
- Create a motivating, satisfying, and purposeful work environment and organizational culture for judges.
- Advocate for competitive pay and benefits.

- Provide judges with the information, resources, tools, and technology needed to do their work well.
- Support the appropriate consideration of diversity in the selection of judges.

Long-Range Issue #4: Enhancing Court Access and Services

Public access to the courts is a cornerstone of our justice system. Article I, section 21 of the Constitution of the State of Florida requires that “the courts shall be open to every person for redress of any injury, and justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.” Inherent in this mandate is the precept that our courts are neutral bodies that will interpret the law fairly, and will ensure equal treatment of all parties.

However, litigants do face some obstacles in seeking access to the courts. The cost of litigation, communication and language barriers, lack of information, complexity, cultural and attitudinal biases, and physical obstructions can be substantial impediments to accessing the courts. Additionally, the elderly and individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, dementia, and visual and hearing disabilities may also experience difficulty with access. Obstacles are particularly difficult for the increasing number of pro se litigants in Florida’s courts; they may come to the courts for many reasons, but often have a minimal understanding of the law, little information about court procedures and rules, and limited access to assistance.

Goal: Provide meaningful access to Florida’s courts for all people.

Strategies:

- Advocate for improved accessibility and modernization of court facilities.
- Utilize scheduling practices whenever possible that provide maximum court access to parties in terms of convenient hours and locations.
- Ameliorate the impact of economic barriers to accessing Florida’s courts.
- Minimize the effects of physical barriers to Florida’s courts.
- Reduce the effect of communication and language barriers to Florida’s courts.

- Collaborate with justice system partners, professional associations, and community organizations to enhance access to the justice system.
- Educate judges and court staff about barriers faced by court users trying to access the courts and how those barriers may be addressed or minimized.

Goal: Florida's courts will provide the highest quality of services to court users.

Strategies:

- Improve and expand services, assistance, and information provided to self-represented parties.
- Ensure that court information, resources, and services are made available and understandable to everyone.
- Provide consistent levels of core services, information, resources, and assistance in all courts throughout Florida, to include conflict resolution, court reporting, and interpreter/translator services.
- Collaborate with justice system partners to ensure delivery of appropriate services to court users.
- Supply court users with current information on available community and justice partner programs and services.
- Expand the use of existing and emerging technologies to enhance access to information and services.
- Emphasize the use of standardized, simplified rules and practices for all case types.

Goal: Florida's courts will treat all people fairly and with respect.

Strategies:

- Ensure that all State Courts System employees understand the importance of providing procedural as well as substantive justice to all parties.

- Emphasize the importance and relevance of interacting effectively with people of different cultures in performing duties and responsibilities in serving Florida's diverse population.
- Enhance training programs for judges on issues of fairness.
- Augment training for court employees on issues of fairness and diversity.

Long-Range Issue #5: Enhancing Public Trust and Confidence

Public trust and confidence in the judicial branch is at the core of maintaining a peaceful and democratic society. The judicial branch must consistently strive to maintain and improve the public's trust and confidence by: fulfilling its mission of protecting rights and liberties, upholding and interpreting the law, and providing for the peaceful resolution of disputes; and by achieving its vision of being accessible, fair, effective, responsive, and accountable to all Floridians.

Recent findings indicate that confusion still exists among the public about the role, purposes, and function of courts and a compelling need remains to better educate and inform the public about the role and accomplishments of the branch. To further fulfill its mission and achieve its vision, the judicial branch must also perform its duties with impartiality, integrity, and honesty.

The State Courts System can also enhance public trust and confidence by maintaining the highest standards of accountability for its use of public resources, adhering to statutory and constitutional mandates, and continuing to improve its overall performance.

Goal: The State Courts System will be accountable to the public for its use of public resources and overall performance.

Strategies:

- Monitor and evaluate court performance.
- Communicate and inform the public and the executive and legislative branches of government about the State Courts System performance and use of public resources.
- Inform the public and policy makers about judicial branch accomplishments.

- Solicit regular feedback and institutionalize lines of communication with the public, court users of all types, community organizations, and justice system partners to improve judicial branch performance.

Goal: The public will better understand the purpose and role of the judicial branch.

Strategies

- Educate and inform the public about the judicial branch as well as constitutional and legal principles.
- Collaborate with the legal community and justice system partners to educate the public about the court system.
- Enhance and expand outreach to all levels of educational institutions and community organizations to improve understanding of, and involvement with, the justice system.
- Promote and improve relations with the media to ensure the accuracy and adequacy of public understanding and perception of the judicial branch.

Goal: The courts will be fair, impartial, and free from bias, political pressures, and special interests.

Strategies:

- Protect and preserve the ability of judges to decide legal matters according to the constitution, the law, and legal precedent without fear of reprisal.
- Improve communication between the judicial branch and the community.
- Work to prevent bias, and the appearance of bias, in all parts of the judicial branch.

Objectives and Service Outcomes

Objective 1: The supreme court will clarify Florida law, ensure that district court decisions throughout the state are consistent, and ensure that court decisions at all levels of the state courts are consistent with rights and liberties. This process will contribute to the development, clarity, and consistency of the law through opinions that provide the public, other courts, and the legal community with a body of law. This jurisprudence will provide a level of stability and predictability that allows Floridians to conduct business and personal affairs in accordance with the law of this state. In the execution of its supervisory responsibilities over the state courts and the practice of law, the supreme court will ensure the integrity of a legal system capable of meeting the needs of a vibrant, rapidly growing state. In its attention to the rules of practice and procedure, the supreme court will ensure that Florida courts are responsive to the complex needs of Floridians.

Outcome: Clearance rate.

Baseline FY 2002-03	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
97.5%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Table 1 Clearance rate for objective 1

Objective 2: The district courts of appeal of Florida will provide the opportunity for thoughtful review of decisions of lower tribunals by multi-judge panels. District courts of appeal will correct harmful errors and ensure that decisions are consistent with our rights and liberties. The process contributes to the development, clarity, and consistency of the law.

Outcome: Clearance rate.

Baseline FY 2002-03	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
99.3%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Table 2 Clearance rate for objective 2

Note: Due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, clearance rates for fiscal year 2010-11 to 2014-15 cannot be predicted at this time.

Objective 3: Florida trial courts will protect and declare the rights and responsibilities of the people, uphold and interpret the law, and provide a forum for the just and peaceful resolution of legal and factual disputes.

Outcome: Clearance rate.

Baseline FY 2002-03	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
92.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Table 3 Clearance rate for objective 3

Notes:

Due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, clearance rates for fiscal year 2010-11 to 2014-15 cannot be predicted at this time.

Beginning in FY 2004-2005, all county court cases were included with circuit court cases in the calculation of clearance rate for all trial courts. The judicial branch has combined the services titled Circuit Courts and County Courts under Court Operations - Trial Courts, as a result of Revision 7 implementation.

Trends and Conditions Statement

The State Courts System's long-range program plan provides the strategic direction, organizational framework, and context for the judicial branch budget. The planning process used to develop the plan relies on careful consideration of the actions needed to address the external as well as internal forces and conditions that may impact the court's capabilities in fulfilling the mission. The planning process assesses court issues and priorities, and reviews and justifies programs, services, and activities that will be used to implement priority-based resource allocation decisions.

As the State Courts System performance accountability system is implemented and refined, trend data is used to support analyses and decisions. Further, forces and conditions are monitored to determine if additional assessments are needed to identify issues or challenges that may have an impact on the courts in the mid- or long-term.

Florida's state courts serve all of Florida's residents, visitors, businesses, and governmental institutions, either directly or indirectly. Residents and visitors to Florida are expected to continue to become more diverse, and as the business and governmental sectors become more sophisticated, the corresponding task environment of the courts becomes more complex. A number of external and internal trends contribute to the scope and complexity of the challenges facing the courts.

External Conditions and Forces Impacting Florida Courts

State Economy and Budget - The nation is at present in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The recession, closely related to real property values and equity investments, has been especially harsh in Florida. Steep losses in property values coupled with large inventories of both homes and commercial properties have led to sharp downturns in the construction and financial services sectors. The decline in construction and related furnishings industries have caused increased unemployment in the retail and services sectors. The historic drop in the value of equities, indicated by a loss of about 40% in the Dow Jones Industrial Average in the year 2008, has severely affected Florida's residents, annual guests and tourist visitors. Loss of wealth has impacted credit and reduced spending on homes, goods, travel and entertainment. These declines have in turn driven many businesses to lay off employees and in too many cases to close completely.

The result of these economic circumstances for the state has been a decline in state revenue collections. The revenue shortfalls have been dealt with primarily through budget reductions but also, significantly for the courts, through increases in selected fines and filing fees. These circumstances have resulted in insufficient resources to support the basic elements of the court system and to ensure adequate and equitable funding for all courts in every part of the state.

Foreclosures - The general economic downturn combined with sharp declines in the values of real property has combined to cause something of a perfect storm in foreclosure filings. The explosion of foreclosure cases is national but is particularly pronounced in a number of markets that had experienced high growth in recent years, including several markets in Florida. Foreclosure cases statewide have increased 400% from 2006 to 2008, a situation that the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases termed “horrifying”. In four of the twenty judicial circuits caseloads have increased more than 500% during that time, and in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of southwest Florida the increase has been 788%. The workload associated with foreclosure cases has created a tremendous strain on court resources as well as the circuit clerks of court as the workload involved in these cases consume great amounts of staff resources and crowd judicial calendars.

Access - An important national trend in courts is the increase in the number of individuals who are unrepresented by counsel and handling their legal matters themselves. The increased numbers of pro se parties in all judicial divisions, even in the appellate courts, will continue to have implications for the courts. And in many cases, especially in the family divisions, both parties are unrepresented. In some instances people handle their legal matters pro se because they simply lack the resources to hire an attorney and affordable legal services have become increasingly difficult to find.

Increasing use of technology in society and commerce has increased expectations that people will be able to interact with the courts as they have come to interact with other institutions, that is to say, electronically. There is a growing expectation that people should be able to respond to juror summonses online, to review and file records by email, to communicate with the courts without having to physically appear at the courthouse. The judicial branch has been working to implement

electronic access to the courts for several years. The Florida Legislature has supported this effort by enacting laws to support statewide standards being promulgated by the Supreme Court and setting a series of target dates from implementation. While funding remains a significant obstacle to implementation of electronic access to the courts, planning is moving forward rapidly.

Interdependence of Justice System Agencies - There is an increasing interdependence of justice system agencies, along with increasingly complex and interdependent laws and statutory schemes. This interdependence is especially evident in cases involving families, children, self-represented litigants, and court-appointed counsel operations, where courts continue to experience an increasing number of diverse expectations for the courts' role. New laws such as the Jessica Lunsford Act require close and ongoing coordination between the courts and state law enforcement agencies.

The demands and expectations on the part of court users and the public contribute to heightened tensions and workload demands as courts must continue to carry out traditional functions while assuming new responsibilities. As a result, the roles and expectations of judges and courts continue to be examined.

Shortage of Court Administrators and Staff - There is an increasingly limited pool of workers, such as court managers and administrators, court reporters, court interpreters, with the unique skills required in the court environment. The National Center for State Courts cites the growing shortage of court administrators and staff as a critical trend facing state courts. The limited pool of uniquely qualified applicants, along with competitive state and national salaries has resulted in: difficulty recruiting well qualified applicants; salary and benefit structures that are not competitive with local and state governments; and the continued loss of experienced employees to other government entities for higher pay. These issues are also exacerbated by the recent budget downturns.

Security - Threats against judges, court officers, and court facilities will continue to require enhanced capacity to provide for the physical security of court facilities, their immediate area, and judicial personnel.

Caseload Factors - Currently there are 599 circuit judges and 322 county judges to handle cases flowing through the trial court system. The six divisions of court in which these cases are filed are circuit criminal, circuit civil, circuit family court, circuit probate, county criminal, and county civil. Total statewide filings from all divisions for fiscal year 2007-08 equaled 4,579,640 (1,107,039 in circuit court and 3,472,601 in county court). These totals represent a 21% increase in circuit court filings and a 10% increase in county court filings from fiscal year 2006-07. The total number of cases disposed statewide for fiscal year 2007-08 was 3,722,090.

In fiscal year 2006-07 circuit civil filings experienced significant growth. That trend continued in fiscal year 2007-08 with an 85% increase in filings, or almost double the number of cases filed in fiscal year 2006-07. Although increases in filings were seen in nearly all case types across the division, the driving force behind this growth is the rapid rise in real property/mortgage foreclosure, as noted above, as well as contract and indebtedness cases. Contract and indebtedness cases rose significantly from fiscal year 2006-07 to fiscal year 2007-08, with filings increasing by 29%. Since fiscal year 2005-06 the number of cases filed has risen by 50%. In fiscal year 2007-08, over 12,000 additional cases were filed statewide than in fiscal year 2006-07.

County civil filings increased by 14% from fiscal year 2006-07 to fiscal year 2007-08 (excluding civil traffic infractions). With the exception of non-monetary cases, all case types in the county civil division experienced growth. Included in county civil are any matters involving claims up to \$15,000, which includes mortgage foreclosures less than \$15,000. Though several types of cases contributed to the increase in county civil filings, the driving force behind the division's growth is the rise in county civil (matters in controversy of \$5,001 to \$15,000), evictions and small claims cases. However, this increase in county civil filings may not only be limited to areas connected to the housing industry, but may also be attributed to a rise in auto loan defaults.

While caseloads involving children and families have not increased in the way foreclosure and other civil caseloads have, child and family cases remain among the most pressing and important matters attended to by our courts. Family Court filings include Domestic Relations, Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency, and Termination of Parental Rights. In Fiscal Year 2007-08 Florida's court accepted 350,477 family cases.

Internal Conditions Affecting Florida Courts Capabilities

Funding:

In the 2009 legislative session the legislature passed Senate Bill 1718, which greatly expands the use of a previously created State Courts Revenue Trust Fund. The governor signed this bill into law. SB 1718 identifies funding streams that will be directed into the trust fund and directs how the money should be spent. Many court functions, but not judicial salaries, will henceforth be funded through the trust fund rather than by general revenue. The result is that the court system is now approximately 70% funded by trust-funds and 30% funded through general revenue. The court system had been receiving about 90% of its budget from general revenue. This shift poses great benefit for the courts in terms of stability of funding, but has tied the courts funding to the imposition and collection of fees and fines, which can lead to perceptions that the interests of the courts are in conflict with those of court users. The courts have just begun to deal with the many challenges inherent in implementation of this transition.

Equity and Access:

Justice requires that the court system be open and accessible to all, respect the dignity of every person, including judges and court staff that reflect the community's diversity. The court system must continue to conduct self-evaluations and advance efforts to eliminate from court operations bias that is based on: race; gender; ethnicity; age; disability, pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disability Acts of 1990 (ADA); socioeconomic status; or any characteristic that is without legal relevance.

As courts continue to seek new efficiencies through the introduction of technologies, such as electronic filing and increased reliance on the Internet for the promulgation of court-related information, the needs of Floridians who are unable to access or use such technologies must be carefully considered and accommodated.

The ability to provide access requires that the courts network capabilities are fully funded and allow for statewide implementation. This network communication facility is critical to support the move toward web-based applications and availability of court data both internally and external to the courts.

Independence and Interdependence:

The independence of the courts in the adjudication of cases and the administration of the court system is a cornerstone of American jurisprudence. It is equally important to recognize that the three branches of our government are jointly responsible for a well-functioning justice system. The judicial branch must demonstrate leadership by being organizationally responsive and administratively accountable, while ensuring that justice in Florida is accessible, fair, and effective; the legislative branch provides sufficient resources, to the extent it is able, in order to protect the independence and functioning of the judicial branch; and executive branch agencies collaborate with the courts to create effective partnerships in areas where both have unique but complementary roles, as in cases involving victims of crime, dependent or delinquent children, families in crisis, and persons with substance-abuse problems.

The transition to state funding has not lessened the importance of the courts' relationships at the local level. County funding and resources remain critical to the proper functioning of the trial courts; chief judges and trial court administrators will continue to work with their counties to ensure that the necessary county resources are available. Local inter-branch relations are complicated by the fact that the independently elected clerk of court has dual roles – providing services integral to judicial branch operations and performing executive branch functions for the county. The courts will need to work closely with the clerks to ensure that the proper flow of case maintenance functions and meaningful access to the courts for pro se litigants are maintained.

Accountability:

The judicial branch will be accountable to the people of Florida for the expenditure of public funds and the efficiency of judicial operations.

The viability of Florida's justice system depends on those who use the courts and what they think about how the courts do their work. Article II, section 19 of the Florida constitution requires that the judicial branch develop a quality management and accountability program. As the trial courts continue to change the way they do business as a result of the transition to state funding, the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability will be key to guiding the branch's efforts to ensure proper management of and accountability for trial court services. Likewise, the

Commission on District Courts of Appeal Performance and Accountability must continue to develop and implement a high quality performance measurement system for the district courts.

In addition, while structural unification of Florida's court system began in 1972 and budgetary unification in 2004, technological unification remains a primary challenge. The need to explore and implement technological improvements to core court processes is especially important in times of budget scarcity.

The capacity for implementing and sustaining performance and accountability mechanisms is critical to understanding and improving court performance. Trial courts, in particular, will need to continue to find ways to meet the increasing demand for improvement and accountability. Development of an electronic management system that encompasses functions such as case and resource management is extremely important.

Responsiveness:

The governance and management infrastructure of the courts must be responsive to the needs of the people.

Courts have always been involved in resolving disputes and solving problems. Nationally, courts have acknowledged an increasing number of diverse expectations for the courts' role in society and have responded by creating problem-solving courts exemplified by the drug courts and mental health courts.

The judicial branch in Florida recognizes that the administration of justice is its priority. Florida's unified court system must continue to identify and eliminate real or perceived bias in court access or operations and administer justice in all cases – whether it is assigning proper criminal sanctions in criminal cases, establishing that one person or entity owes another in civil cases, protecting vulnerable persons, rendering equity in domestic relations cases, assuring the integrity and credibility of judicial authority by enforcing court orders, or correcting harmful errors through the appellate system.

Judicial Branch State Courts System

Performance Measures and
Standards - LRPP Exhibit II

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Supreme Court	Code: 22010000
Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations - Supreme Court	Code: 22010100

NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Prior Year Standard FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Clearance rate (all case types)	100.0%	103.1%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of cases disposed (all case types)	2,493	2,491	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed within 2 years of filing	23.3%	30.8%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed within 365 days of conference/oral argument date	57.3%	84.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for initial death penalty appeals	100.0%	200.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed	18	26	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of post-conviction death penalty cases disposed within 365 days of filing	29.6%	38.9%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for post-conviction death penalty cases	100.0%	123.3%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of post-conviction death penalty cases disposed	81	90	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of other mandatory review jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing	72.6%	96.6%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for other mandatory review jurisdiction cases	100.0%	100.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of other mandatory review jurisdiction cases disposed	62	203	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing	93.8%	87.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed	100.0%	111.9%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed	1,074	891	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Supreme Court	Code: 22010000
Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations - Supreme Court	Code: 22010100

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Prior Year Standard FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Percent of non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed within 365 days of filing	92.6%	99.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed	100.0%	97.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed	741	834	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of Florida Bar cases disposed within 365 days of filing	77.1%	84.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Florida Bar cases disposed	100.0%	93.1%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Florida Bar cases disposed	420	351	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of other original jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing	83.5%	89.6%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for other original jurisdiction cases disposed	100.0%	103.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of other original jurisdiction cases disposed	97	96	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of cases supported	3,439	3,309	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of records maintained	3,439	3,309	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Square footage secured	196,710	196,710	196,710	196,710
Square footage maintained	196,710	196,710	196,710	196,710

Notes:

1. Statistics may fluctuate significantly from year to year due to many factors. The severity of the fluctuations is greater in the case types with low volume.
2. The "Clearance Rate" is a calculation of the number of cases disposed divided by the number of cases filed in the same year. The clearance rate has a reasonable ease of calculation, is a useful measure of the responsiveness of a court to the demand for services, and is nationally recognized as a measure of court performance.
3. Columns labeled as "Approved Standards" provide the final legislatively approved figures for the budget year identified.
4. The "Requested FY 2010-11" column corresponds to the official Judicial Branch Legislative Budget Request for FY 2010-11 and does not represent a goal for the court. It is simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur during FY 2010-11. However, due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, Requested FY 2010-11 cannot be predicted at this time.

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Supreme Court	Code: 22010000
Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services	Code: 22010200

NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Prior Year Standard FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Percent of administrative costs compared to total state courts system costs	4.8%	2.7%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of administrative positions compared to total state courts system positions	4.3%	4.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of judicial and court staff education contact hours	74,869	82,096	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of professionals certified	2,710	3,025	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of cases analyzed	17,252	15,515	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of analyses conducted	22,230	14,921	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Notes:

1. Statistics may fluctuate significantly from year to year due to many factors.
2. Columns labeled as "Approved Standards" provide the final legislatively approved figures for the budget year identified.
3. The "Requested FY 2010-11" column corresponds to the official Judicial Branch Legislative Budget Request for FY 2010-11 and does not represent a goal for the court. It is simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur during FY 2010-11. However, due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, Requested FY 2010-11 cannot be predicted at this time.

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
Program: District Courts of Appeal	Code: 22100000
Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts	Code: 22100600

NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Prior Year Standard FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Clearance rate (all case types)	97.4%	98.4%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of cases disposed (all case types)	24,745	25,498	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Median number of days from filing of criminal appeals to disposition	200	216	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Median number of days from filing of criminal petitions to disposition	53	49	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for criminal appeals and petitions	95.7%	100.4%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of criminal appeals and petitions cases disposed within 180 days of oral argument or conference	98.2%	97.7%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Median number of days from filing of non-criminal appeals to disposition	225	215	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Median number of days from filing of non-criminal petitions to disposition	86	85	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for non-criminal appeals and petitions	100.3%	95.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Percent of non-criminal appeals and petitions cases disposed within 180 days of oral argument or conference	93.9%	95.9%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of records maintained	40,401	41,935	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of employees administered	447	419.5	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Square footage secured	755,212	755,212	755,212	1,334,712
Square footage maintained	755,212	755,212	755,212	1,334,712

Notes:

1. Statistics may fluctuate significantly from year to year due to many factors. The severity of the fluctuations is greater in the case types with low volume.
2. The "Clearance Rate" is a calculation of the number of cases disposed divided by the number of cases filed in the same year. The clearance rate has a reasonable ease of calculation, is a useful measure of the responsiveness of a court to the demand for services, and is nationally recognized as a measure of court performance.
3. Columns labeled as "Approved Standards" provide the final legislatively approved figures for the budget year identified.
4. The "Requested FY 2010-11" column corresponds to the official Judicial Branch Legislative Budget Request for FY 2010-11 and does not represent a goal for the court. It is simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur during FY 2010-11. However, due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, Requested FY 2010-11 cannot be predicted at this time.

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Trial Courts	Code: 22300000
Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations - Trial Courts	Code: 22300100

NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Standards for FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Clearance rate (all case types)	96.6%	86.6%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of cases disposed (all case types)	4,021,379	3,693,470	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - criminal	100.0%	105.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - criminal cases disposed	229,635	217,024	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - general civil	100.0%	60.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - general civil cases disposed	172,737	328,024	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - domestic relations	100.0%	98.0%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - domestic relations cases disposed	272,718	253,393	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - probate and guardianship	100.0%	96.1%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - probate and guardianship cases disposed	109,181	94,559	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - juvenile delinquency	100.0%	99.8%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - juvenile delinquency cases disposed	73,198	64,439	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for Circuit - juvenile dependency	100.0%	100.1%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of Circuit - juvenile dependency cases disposed	14,918	9,397	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of employees administered	3,826.00	3,429.00	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of jurors who serve	656,266	NA	NA	NA
Percent of administrative costs compared to total trial court costs	6.7%	5.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of hours reported or recorded (court reporting)	720,271	634,928	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of evaluations completed (competency and other)	20,303	15,215	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of interpreting events	631,749	507,682	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of family sessions mediated	22,399	21,539	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Trial Courts	Code: 22300000
Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations - Trial Courts	Code: 22300100

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Standards for FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Number of county court sessions mediated	63,992	50,784	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of magistrate hearings docketed	TBD	TBD	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of child support hearing officer hearings docketed	151,595	173,452	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of traffic infraction hearing officer hearing docketed	TBD	TBD	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for County - criminal	93.1%	86.2%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of County - criminal cases disposed	1,058,243	935,335	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for County - civil	96.9%	101.8%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of County - civil cases disposed	459,697	512,148	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Clearance rate for County - civil traffic	97.1%	85.8%	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Number of County - civil traffic cases disposed	1,631,052	1,279,151	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Notes:

1. Requesting the Approved Performance Measure, "Number of jurors who serve," be removed from Court Operations - Trial Court. The budget related to this measure has been moved to the Clerks of Court.
2. Statistics may fluctuate significantly from year to year due to many factors. The severity of the fluctuations is greater in the case types with low volume.
3. The "Clearance Rate" is a calculation of the number of cases disposed divided by the number of cases filed in the same year. The clearance rate has a reasonable ease of calculation, is a useful measure of the responsiveness of a court to the demand for services, and is nationally recognized as a measure of court performance.
4. It is often impossible for county courts to reach a "Clearance Rate" of 100% due to factors such as defendants failing to appear, civil proceeding participants not following through after filings, etc.
5. At this point in time, all data are not available for trial court activity in FY 2008-09. Therefore, the "Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09" statistics are estimates based on the most available data.
6. Columns labeled as "Approved Standards" provide the final legislatively approved figures for the budget year identified.
7. The "Requested FY 2010-11" column corresponds to the official Judicial Branch Legislative Budget Request for FY 2010-11 and does not represent a goal for the court. It is simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur during FY 2010-11. However, due to the continued impact of budget cuts, including significant vacancies and a hiring freeze, Requested FY 2010-11 cannot be predicted at this time.

LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards

Department: STATE COURTS SYSTEM	Department No.: 22
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Program: Judicial Qualifications Commission	Code: 22350000
Service/Budget Entity: Judicial Qualifications Commission Operations	Code: 22350100

NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)	Approved Prior Year Standard FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Prior Year Actual FY 2008-09 (Numbers)	Approved Standards for FY 2009-10 (Numbers)	Requested FY 2010-11 Standard (Numbers)
Clearance rate	100.0%	97.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Number of complaints disposed	611	585	657	588

Notes:

1. Statistics may fluctuate significantly from year to year due to many factors.
2. The "Clearance Rate" is a calculation of the number of cases disposed divided by the number of cases filed in the same year. The clearance rate has a reasonable ease of calculation, is a useful measure of the responsiveness of a court to the demand for services, and is nationally recognized as a measure of court performance.
3. Columns labeled as "Approved Standards" provide the final legislatively approved figures for the budget year identified.
4. The "Requested FY 2010-11" column corresponds to the official Judicial Branch Legislative Budget Request for FY 2010-11 and does not represent a goal. It is simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur during FY 2010-11.
5. The "Requested FY 2010-11" clearance rates are set at 100%.

Judicial Branch State Courts System

Assessment of Performance for
Approved Performance Measures –
LRPP Exhibit III

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
93.8%	87.0%	-6.8%	-7.2%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
1,074	891	-183	-17.0%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of Florida Bar cases disposed

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
420	351	-69	-16.4%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of other original jurisdiction cases disposed

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
97	96	-1	-1.0%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of criminal petitions to disposition

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
53	49	-4	-7.5%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of non-criminal petitions to disposition

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
86	85	-1	-1.2%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of Circuit – criminal cases disposed

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
229,635	217,024	-12,611	-5.5%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of county court sessions mediated

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
63,992	50,784	-13,208	-20.6%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of County – civil traffic cases disposed

Action:

- Performance Assessment of Outcome Measure Revision of Measure
 Performance Assessment of Output Measure Deletion of Measure
 Adjustment of GAA Performance Standards

Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference
1,631,052	1,279,151	-351,901	-21.6%

Factors Accounting for the Difference:

Internal Factors (check all that apply):

- Personnel Factors Staff Capacity
 Competing Priorities Level of Training
 Previous Estimate Incorrect Other (Identify)

Explanation:

The approved standard was projected using the most accurate historical data available at that time. This standard did not represent a goal for the court. It was simply an estimate of the amount of activity expected to occur that year.

External Factors (check all that apply):

- Resources Unavailable Technological Problems
 Legal/Legislative Change Natural Disaster
 Target Population Change Other (Identify)
 This Program/Service Cannot Fix The Problem
 Current Laws Are Working Against The Agency Mission

Explanation:

Not Applicable

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

- Training Technology
 Personnel Other (Identify)

Recommendations:

Not Applicable

Judicial Branch State Courts System

Performance Measure Validity
Reliability - LRPP Exhibit IV

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate (all case types)

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of cases disposed (all case types)

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed within 2 years of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed with 365 days of conference/oral argument date

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for initial death penalty appeals

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of initial death penalty appeal cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of post-conviction death penalty cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for post-conviction death penalty cases

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of post-conviction death penalty cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of other mandatory review jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for other mandatory review jurisdiction cases

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of other mandatory review jurisdiction cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of discretionary review jurisdiction cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of non-death penalty original writ petition cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of Florida Bar cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for Florida Bar cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of Florida Bar cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Percent of other original jurisdiction cases disposed within 365 days of filing

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Clearance rate for other original jurisdiction cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of other original jurisdiction cases disposed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of cases supported

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Supreme Court

Measure: Number of records maintained

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Percent of administrative costs compared to total state courts system costs

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Percent of administrative positions compared to total state courts system positions

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Number of judicial and court staff education contact hours

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Number of professionals certified

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Number of cases analyzed

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Supreme Court

Service/Budget Entity: Executive Direction and Support Services

Measure: Number of analyses conducted

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System
Program: District Courts of Appeal
Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts
Measure: Clearance rate (all case types)

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Number of cases disposed (all case types)

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of criminal appeals to disposition

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of criminal petitions to disposition

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Clearance rate for criminal appeals and petitions

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Percent of criminal appeals and petitions cases disposed within 180 days of oral argument or conference

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of non-criminal appeals to disposition

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Median number of days from filing of non-criminal petitions to disposition

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Clearance rate for non-criminal appeals and petitions

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Percent of non-criminal appeals and petitions cases disposed within 180 days of oral argument or conference

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

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LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System
Program: District Courts of Appeal
Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts
Measure: Number of records maintained

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: District Courts of Appeal

Service/Budget Entity: Appellate Courts

Measure: Number of employees administered

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

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Validity:

Reliability:

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Clearance rate (all case types)

Action (check one):

- Requesting revision to approved performance measure.
- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

Data Sources and Methodology:

Data sources and the methodology for calculating Prior Year Actual figure have not changed. However, the methodology for the Requested Year figure should be described as follows: Due to the continued impact of fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 budget cuts, the Performance and Accountability Commission determined that the measure cannot be predicted at this time.

Validity:

Reliability:

Office of Policy and Budget – July 2009

LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability

Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of cases disposed (all case types)

Action (check one):

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- Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

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Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit - criminal

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Department: State Courts System

Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of Circuit – criminal cases disposed

Action (check one):

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Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit – general civil

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Program: Trial Courts

Service/Budget Entity: Court Operations – Trial Courts

Measure: Number of Circuit – general civil cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit – domestic relations

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Measure: Number of Circuit – domestic relations cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit – probate and guardianship

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Measure: Number of Circuit – probate and guardianship cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit – juvenile delinquency

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Measure: Number of Circuit – juvenile delinquency cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for Circuit – juvenile dependency

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Measure: Number of Circuit – juvenile dependency cases disposed

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Measure: Number of employees

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Measure: Percent of administrative costs compared to total trial court costs

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Measure: Number of hours reported or recorded (court reporting)

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Measure: Number of evaluations completed (competency and other)

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Measure: Number of interpreting events

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Measure: Number of family sessions mediated

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Measure: Number of county court sessions mediated

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Measure: Number of child support hearing officer hearings docketed

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Measure: Clearance rate for County - criminal

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Measure: Number of County – criminal cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for County - civil

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Measure: Number of County – civil cases disposed

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Measure: Clearance rate for County – civil traffic

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Measure: Number of County – civil traffic cases disposed

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Associated Activities Contributing to
Performance Measures –
LRPP Exhibit V

LRPP Exhibit V: Identification of Associated Activity Contributing to Performance Measures

Measure Number	Approved Performance Measures for FY 2009-10 (Words)		Associated Activities Title
1	Number of cases supported		SUPREME COURT LIBRARY
2	Number of records maintained		COURT RECORDS AND CASE FLOW MANAGEMENT
3	Number of square feet secured		SECURITY
4	Number of square feet maintained		FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT
5	Number of cases disposed (all case types)		JUDICIAL PROCESSING OF CASES
6	Number of contact hours		JUDICIAL AND COURT STAFF EDUCATION
7	Number of professionals certified		PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS
8	Number of analyses conducted		COURT OPERATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
9	Number of cases analyzed		CASE PROCESS ANALYSIS AND IMPROVEMENT
10	Number of complaints disposed		DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE JUDICIARY

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Agency-Level Unit Cost Summary - LRPP Exhibit VI

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Long-Range Program Plan

Fiscal Years 2009-10 through 2013-14

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Circuit Court

The circuit courts of Florida protect and declare the rights and responsibilities of the people, uphold and interpret the law, and provide a forum for the just and peaceful resolution of legal and factual disputes. Circuit courts have general trial jurisdiction over matters not assigned by statute to the county courts and also hear appeals from county court cases. The jurisdiction of circuit courts includes original jurisdiction over civil disputes involving more than \$15,000; controversies involving the estates of decedent, minors, and persons adjudicated to be incapacitated; cases relating to juveniles; criminal prosecutions for felons; tax disputes; actions to determine the title and boundaries of real property; and suits for declaratory judgments. There are 20 circuit courts.

County Court

The county courts of Florida protect and declare the rights and responsibilities of the people, uphold and interpret the law, and provide a forum for the just and peaceful resolution of legal and factual disputes. The jurisdiction of the county courts extends to civil disputes involving \$15,000 or less. The majority of non-jury trials in Florida take place before one judge sitting as a judge of the county court. Most of the court's time is involved with traffic offenses, less serious criminal matters (misdemeanors), and relatively small monetary disputes. There are 67 county courts.

Florida District Court of Appeal

The District Courts of Appeal of Florida provide the opportunity for thoughtful review of decisions of lower tribunals by multi-judge panels. District Courts of Appeal correct harmful errors and ensure that decisions are consistent with rights and liberties. The process contributes to the development, clarity, and consistency of the law. There are five district courts of appeal.

Florida Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Florida. The Court clarifies Florida law, ensures that district court decisions throughout the state are consistent, and ensures that court decisions at all levels of the state courts are consistent with rights and liberties.

Judicial Qualifications Commission

The Judicial Qualifications Commission investigates and prosecutes Florida judges who are charged with misconduct or with having a mental or physical disability which seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties and, when appropriate, recommends disciplinary action to the Supreme Court of Florida.

Office of the State Courts Administrator

The purpose of the Office of the State Courts Administrator is to assist the chief justice in the administrative supervision of Florida's appellate and trial courts and to support the chief judges in their role as managers of their respective courts by providing professional expertise and guidance to promote effective, efficient, and accountable court services for Florida's judicial branch.