STATE COURT ORGANIZATION

Thank you for participating in the update of State Court Organization. State Court Organization (SCO) is the essential reference guide to key information about how state courts are organized, and it is used by court leaders, policymakers, journalists, researchers, and educators. Your commitment to providing current, accurate information will ensure that SCO remains the authoritative source for a national overview of the state courts.

The following pages list the questions in the State Court Organization survey. Please note that these questions are not formatted so as to be answered within this document. Please provide all answers using the online survey or, if necessary, please request a paper version of the survey from your SCO liaison. All surveys should be complete by **June 17, 2011**.

Table 1 Governance of the Judicial Branch

Provides, by state, the name of the entity responsible for the administration of each state’s judicial branch and the authority that establishes that entity as having administrative responsibility.

| q1 | Who has administrative authority over the judicial branch? |
| q2 | What authority establishes the administrative head of the judicial branch? |
| q3 | Source of Authority |

Table 2 Judicial Concils and Conferences

Provides, by state, the name of each state’s judicial council or conference and lists the composition of, authority for, and role of that council or conference.

| q1 | Does your state have a judicial council/conference? |
| q2 | Name of Judicial Council/Conference |
| q3 | Authority |
| q4 | Year established |

**Membership**

| q5 | Composition |
| q6 | Who appoints members |
| q7 | Term (years) |

| q8 | Number of standing committees |
| q9 | Role (advisory or policy making) |
| q10 | If advisory, to whom does council/conference report? |
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Table 3 Preparation and Submission of the Judicial Branch Budget

Provides, by state, the entity that has final approval of the judicial branch budget, to whom and how the budget is submitted, and information pertaining to the judicial branch’s control of the budget.

q1 Who within the judicial branch has final approval of the budget request?
q2 Where is the budget request submitted?
q3 What is the executive branch role in the judicial budget request?
q4 Is the judicial appropriation filed as a separate bill?
q5 Can the executive branch withhold funds that have been appropriated to the judicial branch?
q6 Budget Period
q7 Judicial branch budget as a % of the total state general fund budget %

Judicial branch control of the budget

q8 Number of budget line items
q9 Can the judicial branch move funds between line items?
   What restrictions apply?
   Who approves?
q10 Can unexpended appropriation from the state general fund be retained from one fiscal year to the next?

Table 4 Funds Dedicated to the Judicial Branch

Provides, by state, the purpose and source of revenue for funding that has been dedicated to the judicial branch.

q1 Dedicated funds are used for
q2 Source of revenue for dedicated funds
q3 Can dedicated funds be retained from one year to the next?

Table 5 Judicial Nominating Commissions

Provides, by state, the name of the judicial nominating commissions in each state, listing the authorization for and the courts and terms covered by each commission.

q1 Does the state have judicial nominating commissions?
q2 Name of Judicial Nominating Commission
q3 Court(s) for which judges are nominated
q4 Authorization
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Table 5 Judicial Nominating Commissions (cont.)

q5 Year created
q6 Year revised
q7 Term(s) for which judges are nominated

Table 6 Judicial Performance Evaluation

Provides, by state, the name of the judicial evaluation committees in each state and lists the composition of members and procedures used by each.

q1 Does the state have an official judicial performance evaluation?
q2 Name of Evaluating Body
q3 What is the authorization that establishes the body?
q4 Composition of Evaluation Committee
q5 Evaluation Procedures

Table 7 Judicial Compensation Commissions

Provides, by state, the name of the judicial compensation commissions in each state and lists the composition of members and procedures used by each.

q1 Does the state have a judicial compensation commission?
q2 Name of Judicial Compensation Commission
q3 Year commission established
q4 Authorization
q5 Composition of Compensation Committee
q6 Does commission review non-judicial positions?
q7 Who does the commission report to?
q8 Effect of commission recommendation

Table 8 Provisions for Judicial Education

Provides, by court type, the pre-bench and continuing education requirements for trial and appellate court judges.

q1 Pre-Bench Education/Orientation
q2 Sources of Funding
q3 Continuing Judicial Education
q4 Sources of Funding
Table 9 Judicial Discipline: Investigating and Adjudicating Bodies

Provides, by state, the names and compositions of those entities that are responsible for responding to complaints of judicial misconduct, identifies the adjudicating and final disciplinary bodies, and lists procedures associated with the judicial disciplinary process.

q1 Name of Investigating Body

q2 / q3 / q4 / q5 Composition of Investigating Body: Judges, Lawyers, Lay persons, Legislators and Other Staff

q6 Adjudicating body

q7 Appeals from adjudication are filed with:

q8 Final disciplining body

q9 Point at which reprimands are made public

q10 Can the chief justice suspend during investigation?

Table 10 Media Cameras and Audio Coverage in the Courtroom

q1 Courts Covered

q2 Effective Year

q3 Who must consent to coverage?

q4 Who may object to coverage?

q5 Effect of the objection

Limits to Coverage

q6 Are there limits to the number of cameras and audio equipment allowed in the court?

q7 Are there cases or proceedings for which media coverage is prohibited?

q8 Are there participants (other than those whose objection resulted in a personal exclusion) that are automatically prohibited from being covered by the media?

Table 11 Assignment of Retired Judges

Provides, by state, the number of retired judges used in the state, the number of days worked during the year, and the reasons for assignment.

q1 Can the state assign retired judges?

q2 Total number of assigned retired judges

q3 Total number of days worked by retired judges

q4 Number of days retired judges were assigned to appellate courts
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Table 11 Assignment of Retired Judges (cont.)

| q5 | Number of days retired judges were assigned to trial courts |
| q6 | Reason for assignment |

Table 12 Administrative Office of the Courts: Staffing by Function

Provides, by state, the official title and method of selection for the state court administrator, the total number of staff in the administrative office of the courts, and the number of staff that are assigned to functions such as education and training, legal services, and technology.

| q1 | What is the title for the State Court Administrator? |
| q2 | Who appoints the state Court Administrator? |
| q3 | What is the appointing authority? |
| q4 | What is the total number of AOC staff (FTEs)? |
| q5 | Does the state track the number of AOC staff assigned to specific functions (e.g., Finance staff, IT staff)? |
| q6 | What is the number of AOC staff by function? |

Table 13 Administrative Office of the Courts: Responsibilities for Trial Court Functions

Provides, by state, the name of and authority for the state’s administrative office of the courts (AOC) and provides the level of responsibility the AOC has for trial court functions such as judicial assignments, the keeping of court records, maintaining and securing court facilities, managing human and financial resources, and conducting court-related research.

| q1 | What is the official name of the administrative office of the courts? |
| q2 | Year Created |
| q3 | Authority |

Does the Administrative Office of the Courts have responsibility for:

| q4 | Appointment/assignments: Sitting judges |
| q5 | Appointment/assignments: Supplemental judges |
| q6 | Court-annexed ADR |
| q7 | Collection of legal financial obligations |
| q8 | Court records: Data processing |
| q9 | Court records: Records management |
| q10 | Facilities: Emergency management |
| q11 | Facilities management |
| q12 | Facilities: Security |
| q13 | Finance: Accounting |
## Table 13 Administrative Office of the Courts: Responsibilities for Trial Court Functions (cont.)

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## Table 14 Trial Court Funding Sources for Selected Expenditure Items

Provides, by trial court, the source of funding for trial court expenditures such as salaries, facilities, technology, and programs.

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#### Equipment

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#### Language interpreters

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| q19 | Court-annexed ADR |

#### Court record for appeal

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Are there any qualifiers for any expenditure items?
Table 15 Sentencing Commissions

Provides, by state, the name, authority, membership, and responsibilities of the state’s sentencing commission(s). The commission may be either a body that reviews individual sentences (review) or a policy-making body that develops and maintains guidelines for future use (advisory).

q1 Does the state have an active sentencing commission?

q2 Commission Name

q3 Authority

q4 Year Established

q5 Composition of Sentencing Commission

q6 Responsibilities

Table 16 Court Interpreters

Provides, by state, the requirements and funding sources for court interpreters.

q1 Certification Requirements

Non-certified Interpreter Requirements

q2 Pass language proficiency exam

q3 Name of language proficiency testing agency

q4 Other non-certified requirements

Funding source for interpreters in case types:

q5 Civil

q6 Criminal

q7 Domestic Relations

q8 Juvenile

q9 Traffic

Table 17 Courts and Guardians

Provides, by state, the requirements for certification as a guardian, the entity that certifies persons as guardians, and the entities that review the actions of guardians.

q1 Which guardian type(s) require certification (or licensure)?

q2 Who certifies?
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Table 17 Courts and Guardians (cont.)

Certification requirements for guardians

q3 Minimum age
q4 Bond
q5 Qualifications
q6 Education/Experience for initial certification
q7 Re-certification requirements

Review/Audits of Guardians

q8 Who conducts a review of the Guardian’s actions?
q9 How often?

Table 18 Tribal Courts

Provides, by state, the number of federally recognized tribes, tribal justice forums, and courts of Indian Offenses as well as describes state application of Public Law 280.

q1 Does the state have Federally Recognized Tribes?

Number of:

q2 Federally recognized tribes
q3 Tribal justice forums
q4 Court of Indian Offense (CFR) courts
q5 State jurisdiction under Public Law 280
q6 Treatment "as if" under Public Law 280

Table 19 Appellate Courts

Provides the authorization, place(s) of session, and number of divisions for state courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts.

q1 What is the authorization that establishes the court?
q2 Place(s) of session
q3 Number of divisions within named court
### Table 20 Number of Appellate Court Judges

Provides the number and demographic composition of justices/judges of the state courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts.

- **q1** Number of Judges
- **q2** Does your state collect demographic data regarding the gender of judges?
- **q3-4** Gender
- **q5** Does your state collect demographic data regarding the race of judges?
- **q6-7/q8-9/q10-11** Race and ethnic composition
- **q12** Does your state collect demographic data regarding the ethnicity of judges?
- **q13-14** Hispanic or Latino

### Table 21 Selection of Appellate Court Judges

Provides, by appellate court, the method of selecting and retaining appellate court justices/judges.

#### Method of Initial Selection

- **q1** Full Term
- **q2** Unexpired term
- **q3** Length of full term
- **q4** Method of retention
- **q5** Geographic basis for selection

### Table 22 Qualifications to Serve as an Appellate Court Judge

Provides, by appellate court, the residency, age, and legal qualifications required to serve as an appellate court justice/judge.

#### Residency Requirement

- **q1** Local
- **q2** State
- **q3 / q4** Age (in years)
- **q5** Legal credentials
Table 23 The Source of Rule Making Authority of Courts of Last Resort by Specific Areas

Provides, by state, the source of the court of last resort’s authority to make rules regarding the administration, practices, and procedures of the appellate and trial courts in that state.

- q1 Appellate Court Administration
- q2 Trial Court Administration
- q3 Appellate Procedure
- q4 Civil and Criminal Procedure
- q5 Evidence
- q6 Judicial Discipline
- q7 Attorney Discipline
- q8 Trial court costs and fees assessment

Table 24 Chief Justices/Judges: Authority and Responsibilities

Provides the title, method of selection, and select responsibilities of the chief justices/judges of the state courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts.

- q1 What is the title for the Chief Justice/Judge?
- q2 Method of selection
- q3 Term length?
- q4 What is the source of authority?

Does the Chief Justice/Judge:

- q5 Receive extra compensation?
- q6 Have a reduced obligation for opinion writing?
- q7 Have administrative responsibilities for:

Table 25 Clerks of Appellate Courts: Numbers and Method of Selection

Provides, by appellate court, the total number of court clerks, their method of selection, term of office, and minimum qualifications.

- q1 How many chief clerks does the court have?
- q2 How many additional clerks does the court have?
- q3 Are the clerks shared between the court of last resort and the intermediate appellate court?
Table 25 Clerks of Appellate Courts: Numbers and Method of Selection (cont.)

q4 Method of selection for the chief clerk

q5 Term of office

q6 Minimum Qualifications

Table 26 Appellate Court Clerk’s Office: Staffing and Responsibilities by Function

Provides, by appellate court, the number of staff within the Clerk’s office as well as the Clerk’s management responsibility in areas such as court records, facilities, finance, information technology, and research.

q1 Total staff

Are the responsibilities of the clerk’s office the same for all courts?

Does the Clerk have management responsibility for:

q2 Administrative meetings?
q3 Appointments/assignments: Sitting justices
q5 Appointments/assignments: Administrative staff
q6 Attorney matters: Registration
q9 Court-annexed ADR
q11 Court records: Records management
q13 Facilities: Property control
q15 Finance: Accounting
q17 Finance: Audits
q19 Finance: Payroll
q21 Human resources
q23 Judicial matters: Judicial education
q25 Legal staff: Law libraries
q27 Liaison for the Court: Commissions and boards
q29 Liaison for the Court: Legislature
q31 Research: Research/ Planning
q33 Court Rules

q4 Supplemental justices
q6 Attorney matters: Admissions
q7 Attorney matters: Bar grievance
q10 Court records: Data Processing
q12 Facilities management
q14 Facilities: Security
q16 Finance: Accounts payable
q18 Finance: Budget preparation
q20 Purchasing
q22 Information technology
q24 Judicial matters: Judicial qualifications
q26 Legal staff: Legal research
q28 Liaison: Community outreach
q30 Research: Court statistics
q32 Caseflow management
q34 Other
Table 27 Provisions of Law Clerks to Appellate Court Judges
Provides, by appellate court, the number of assigned law clerks and central legal staff.

q1 Number of clerks for Chief Justices/Judges
q2 Number of clerks for each associate justice/judge
q3 Number of central law staff

Table 28 Appellate Court Jurisdiction
Provides, by appellate court, the court’s case type jurisdiction for appeal by right, appeal by permission, death penalty, and original proceedings.

q1 Appeal by Right
q2 Appeal by Permission
q3 Death Penalty
q4 Original Proceeding/Other Appellate Matter

Table 29 The Structure of Appellate Court Panels
Provides, by appellate court, the number, size, and membership of judicial panels used to dispose of by right and granted by permission cases.

q1 Do the judges or justices of your appellate court(s) sit in panels?
q2 Number of Panels
q3 Size
q4 Membership
q5 Frequency of Rotation

Table 30 Reviewing Appeals/Original Proceedings by Permission
Provides, by appellate court, the number of justices/judges needed to review and grant by permission appeals and original proceedings.

q1 Does the court hear appeals or original proceedings by permission?
q2 Number of justices/judges that decide whether to grant permission
q3 Number of justices/judges necessary to grant permission
q4 Decision to grant permission is made by justices/judges sitting:
### Table 31 Expediting Procedures in Appellate Cases

Provides, by appellate court, the case types that the court expedites as well as the procedures used to expedite those cases.

1. **Does the court expedite appeals?**
2. **Types of expedited appeals**
3. **Types of expedited procedures**

### Table 32 Oral Argument in Appellate Cases

Provides, by appellate court, the time limits and procedures for oral arguments.

1. **Time limit (each side in minutes)**
2. **Must formally request oral argument**
3. **Archiving of oral argument required**
4. **Oral argument is part of the public record**
5. **Live streaming allowed**
6. **Argument is automatically scheduled for:**

### Table 33 Type of Appellate Court Hearing Administrative Agency Appeals

Provides, by state, the type of appellate court that hears appeals from administrative agency cases.

*Which court hears the administrative agency appeal for:*

1. **Medical malpractice**
2. **Workers’ compensation**
3. **Public service utilities**
4. **Unemployment insurance**
5. **Public welfare**
6. **Insurance**
7. **Tax Review**
8. **Other agencies**
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Table 34 Trial Courts
Provides the authorization, geographic jurisdiction, and number of general and limited jurisdiction trial courts.

q1 What is the authorization that establishes the court?

q2 What is the geographic jurisdiction of the court?

q3 How many courts are there in the state?

Table 35 Number of Trial Court Judges
Provides the number and demographic composition of judges of the state general and limited jurisdiction courts.

q1 Number of Judges

q2 Does your state collect demographic data regarding the gender of judges/judicial officers?

q3-4 Gender

q5 Does your state collect demographic data regarding the race of judges/judicial officers?

q6-7/q8-9/q10-11 Race and ethnic composition

q12 Does your state collect demographic data regarding the ethnicity of judges/judicial officers?

q13-14 Hispanic/Latino

Table 36 Selection of Trial Court Judges
Provides, by trial court, the method of selecting and retaining general and limited jurisdiction judges.

Method of Initial Selection

q1 Full term

q2 Unexpired term

q3 Length of full term

q4 Method of retention

q5 Geographic basis for selection
Table 37 Qualifications to Serve as a Trial Court Judge

Provides, by trial court, the residency, age, and legal qualifications required to serve as a general or limited jurisdiction judge.

Residency Requirement

q1 Local
q2 State

q3 / q4 Age (in years)
q5 Legal credentials

Table 38 Presiding Judges: Selection

Provides, by trial court, the title, source of authority, and selection method for presiding judges.

q1 Does your court have a presiding judge?
q2 Title
q3 Source of authority
q4 Geographic jurisdiction
q5 Method of Selection
q6 Term

Table 39 Presiding Judges: Responsibilities

Provides, by trial court, the responsibilities of the presiding judge.

q1 Does your court have a presiding judge?
q2 Does the presiding judge:

Table 40 Quasi-Judicial Officers: Number and Responsibilities

Provides, by trial court, the number of and types of assignments for quasi-judicial officers.

q1 Does the state use quasi-judicial officers?
q2 Total number of quasi-judicial officers
q3 Does the state track the number of quasi-judicial officers by case type assignment (e.g., divorce, probate, small claims)?
q4 Reason for assignment
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Table 41 Trial Court Administrators: Selection and Management Responsibilities

Provides, by trial court, the method of selection as well as the list of functions for which trial court administrators are responsible.

q1 Does the court have trial court administrators?

q2 Appointed by

q3 Total number of trial court administrators

q4 Does the state track the number of trial court administrators by the type of jurisdiction served (e.g., County, District/Circuit, Individual court)?

q5 Number that serve by

q6 Does the trial court administrator have management responsibilities for the following:

Table 42 Trial Court Clerks: Selection and Management Responsibilities

Provides, by trial court, the method of selection as well as the list of functions for which trial court clerks are responsible.

q1 Does the court have clerks of court?

q2 Total number of trial court clerks

q3 Does the state track the number of trial court clerks by method of selection (e.g., elected, appointed by the judicial branch)?

q4 Method of Selection

q5 Does the state track the number of trial court clerks by the type of jurisdiction served (e.g., County, District/Circuit, Individual court)?

q6 Number that serve by

q7 Does the clerk have management responsibility for the following:

Table 43 Making the Trial Record

Provides, by trial court, the method used to create the record as well as information regarding its ownership.

q1 Is this a court of record?

q2 Who prepares the record?

q3 Methods used to create the verbatim record:
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Table 43 Making the Trial Record (cont.)

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Table 44 Initial Hearing of Administrative Agency Appeals by Type of Trial Court

Provides, by state, the type of trial court that initially hears appeals from administrative agency cases.

Which court hears the initial administrative agency appeal for:

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Table 45 Specialized Jurisdiction: Problem Solving Courts

Provides, by state, a list of problem solving courts and whether those courts are mandated as statewide or are local initiatives.

| q1 Does the state have problem solving courts? |
| q2 Type of problem solving courts and jurisdiction |

Table 46 Sentencing Procedures in Death Penalty Cases

Provides, by state, the procedures used when sentencing death penalty cases.

| q1 Is this a death penalty state? |
| q2 Original sentence set by: |
| q3 Unanimous jury required |
| q4 Life without parole if no jury agreement |
| q5 Judge can alter jury sentence |
Table 47 Grand Juries: Composition and Functions

Provides, by state, the size and responsibilities of grand juries.

**q1** Is an indictment required for all felonies (unless waived by accused)?

**q2** Grand jury size

**q3** Size of quorum

**q4** Number needed to indict

**q5** Statutory term

**q6** Special duties

Table 48 Trial Juries: Qualifications and Source Lists for Juror Service

Provides, by state, a list of permissible sources used to create the master jury list as well as the minimum qualifications required to serve as a juror in the state.

**q1** Has the state adopted the Uniform Jury Selection and Service Act (1970)?

**q2** Statutory authority

**q3** Permissible sources of master list

**q4** Minimum age (years)

**q5** Time since prior jury service

**q6** Are convicted felons disqualified?

**q7** Residency requirement

**q8** English required

Table 49 Trial Juries: Exemptions, Terms of Service, and Fees

Provides, by state, age and profession exceptions to jury service, terms of services, and jurors compensation.

**Exemptions**

**q1** Age

**q2** Professions

**q3** Term of Service
**Juror Compensation**

q4 Paid by employer

q5 Paid by Court: Base pay (per day)

q6 Paid by Court: Increase at X day of service

**Table 50 Trial Juries: The Allocation of Peremptory Challenges**

Provides, by trial court, the number of peremptory challenges allowed in select case types.

q1 Does the court hold jury trials?

q2 Criminal peremptory challenges: Capital (State)

q3 Criminal peremptory challenges: Capital (Defense)

q4 Criminal peremptory challenges: Felony (State)

q5 Criminal peremptory challenges: Felony (Defense)

q6 Criminal peremptory challenges: Misdemeanor (State)

q7 Criminal peremptory challenges: Misdemeanor (Defense)

q8 Criminal peremptory challenges: Additional Per Alternate

q9 Criminal peremptory challenges: Additional Multiple Parties

q10 Civil peremptory challenges

q11 Civil peremptory challenges: Additional Per Alternate

q12 Civil peremptory challenges: Additional Multiple Parties

**Table 51 Trial Juries: Size and Verdict Rules**

Provides, by trial court, the jury size and decision rule required in select case types.

q1 Does the court hold jury trials?

*Felony*

q2 Size

q3 Decision Rule

*Misdemeanor*

q4 Size

q5 Decision Rule
Table 51 Trial Juries: Size and Verdict Rules (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Civil</th>
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<td>q6 Size</td>
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Table 52 Juror Trial Practices and Procedures

Provides, by trial court, the type of juror practices used in criminal and civil trials.

- q1 Does the court hold jury trials?
- q2 Practices used in criminal juror trials:
- q3 Practices used in civil juror trials:

Table 53 External Information Exchanges

Provides, by state or most populous county, the method used for the external exchange of information to select executive and judicial branch agencies.

- q1 Criminal History Repository
- q2 State Dept of Justice
- q3 Law Enforcement Agencies
- q4 Corrections/Jail
- q5 Public Defenders
- q6 Prosecutors
- q7 Private Attorneys
- q8 Probation/Parole
- q9 Social Services
- q10 Revenue/Finance
- q11 Motor Vehicles
- q12 Schools
- q13 Health/Mental Health/Treatment
- q14 Vital Statistics
- q15 Immigration Services
- q16 Other Courts
- q17 Local Executive Branch
Table 54 IT Responsibility by Selected Function

Provides, by state or most populous county, the role and select responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer.

q1 Does your organization/ court have a Chief Information Officer (CIO)?

q2 Who does the CIO report to?

q3 Is the CIO part of senior management team?

q4 Is the CIO responsible for?

Table 55 IT Responsibility by Selected Functions: Communications

Provides, by state or most populous county, the communication responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer.

q1 Video conferencing

q2 Video arraignment

q3 Video distance learning

q4 Video streaming of proceedings

q5 Video court record

q6 Audio streaming

q7 Audio court record

q8 Voice over internet protocol (VOIP)

q9 Phones

q10 Email system

q11 Satellite broadcast

Table 56 E-filing: Appellate Courts

Provides, by appellate court, the procedures for and providers of electronic filing systems.

q1 Does the state use E-filing in appellate cases?

q2 Is E-filing used in?

q3 Is E-filing for appellate cases mandatory?

q4 What is the E-filing tool?

q5 What is the third-party vendor name

q6 What does the E-filing tool support?

q7 Is there an additional fee for E-filing?
Table 57 E-filing: Trial Courts

Provides, by trial court or most populous county, the procedures for and providers of electronic filing systems used in the court’s various case types.

q1 Does the state use e-filing for trial courts?
q2 Is e-filing used in?
q3 For which case types does the court use e-filing?

Table 57 b E-filing: Trial Courts

Specify Case Type (selected in Question 3 above): __________________________

q4 Is E-filing mandatory?
q5 What is the E-filing tool?
q6 What is the third party vendor name
q7 What does the E-filing tool support for each case type? (Select all that apply)
q8 Is there an additional fee for E-filing?

Table 57b to be copied and completed for each case type selected in Table 57, Question 3.

Table 58 Remote Online Public Access to Case Information

Provides, by state or most populous county, the type of case information provided online for public view.

q1 Is remote online public access to case information available?
q2 / q3 What does your remote online public access to case information provide?
   If provided, is there a fee to access remote online public access to case information?

Table 59 Case Management Systems: Appellate Courts

Provides, by appellate court, the functions and providers of the court’s case management system.

q1 Is there a case management system (CMS) for appellate cases?
q2 Is the case management system used in:
q3 Is the CMS:
q4 What is the third party vendor name
q5 Is the CMS integrated with the an electronic document management system (EDMS)?
q6 CMS Backend Database Product Name
State Court Organization

**Table 60 Case Management Systems: Trial Courts**

Provides, by trial court or most populous county, the functions and providers of the court’s case management system.

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<th>Is there a case management system (CMS) for trial courts?</th>
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<td>For which case types is the CMS used?</td>
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<td>What is the case management system backend database product name?</td>
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**Table 61 Back Office Systems**

Provides, by state and most populous county, the court or branch that maintains select back office systems essential to the day-to-day operations of the courts.

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<td>Budgeting</td>
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<td>q6</td>
<td>Asset Tracking</td>
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**Table 62 Infrastructure Hosting**

Provides, by state and most populous county, the court or branch that maintains select technological infrastructure essential to the day-to-day operations of the courts.

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<td>q4</td>
<td>Wide-Area Network</td>
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<tr>
<td>q5</td>
<td>Web-based Phone Systems</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
## Table 63 Jury Management Systems

Provides, by trial court or most populous county, the functions and providers of the court's jury management system.

### q1 Is there a jury management system for trial courts?

### q2 Is the system used in:

### q3 Is the system:

**Does the system:**

### q4 Accept qualification questionnaires

### q5 Support Internet Services

### q6 Support Interactive Phone (IVR) Services

### q7 Electronically Merge/De-dupe Source List