

People will have the opportunity to anonymously tell the judge how they feel they are being treated in courtrooms across the country today and the rest of the week as the American Judges Association pilots a survey of court users, "**Tell it to the Judge.**"

In designated courtrooms today in Michigan, Texas, Ohio, Oregon, Kansas, Arizona, Missouri, California and Nevada, ten judges who are members of the AJA have agreed to test a survey, "*Tell It to the Judge*". All users of the court - parties, attorneys, police officers, witnesses, jurors and observers – will be asked to anonymously tell the judge through a short survey approved by the Research Division of the National Center for State Courts, how they feel they were treated and make suggestions for improving services. The effort is one of several by the American Judges Association, under the leadership of AJA President Eileen Olds, to improve access to and fairness in the courts. Results from the surveys completed at the pilot sites will be analyzed by experts at the National Center for State Courts. Judges will get the chance to see how they are perceived and identify areas in which services can be improved. Project results will be discussed at the upcoming annual AJA educational conference in September.