

Announcements from the National Center for State Courts

Washington State Court Executive Named New NCSC President



The National Center for State Courts Board of Directors announced that Mary Campbell McQueen, court administrator of the Washington State Courts, will become the new president of NCSC in August, replacing Roger K. Warren, who announced his retirement last November.

McQueen has worked with the Washington State Courts for 25 years and as the state's court administrator for 17 years. She also has a long relationship with NCSC, having served on the organization's board of directors in the mid-1990s and on the editorial board of NCSC's *Justice System Journal*. She is also a past president of the Conference of State Court Administrators.

"Mary McQueen is a natural for the presidency of the National Center," Roger Warren said. "She is an experienced state court leader and administrator with vision, energy, and determination. The National Center's future will be in good hands."

AJA president-elect Gayle Nachtigal, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Oregon, served on NCSC's presidential search committee. She is also a member of the NCSC's board of directors, as are fellow AJA members Gerald T. Elliott, Tenth Judicial District of Kansas, and Charles R. Cloud, Norfolk, Virginia.

Collaboration on Social Problems Dominates State Court Trends in 2003

Courts faced increasing challenges from numerous social issues, such as divorce, overcrowded prisons, and self-represented litigants, in 2003. Courts responded by collaborating more closely with other institutions, such as legal aid societies and child welfare agencies. Such collaboration was the one dominant trend tracked by the National Center for State Courts' Knowledge and Information Services Office in its annual *Report on Trends in the State Courts*.

The *2003 Report on Trends in the State Courts* is available online at www.ncsconline.org. Print copies can be ordered from the National Center for State Courts' online bookstore for \$10, or by contacting the Knowledge and Information Services Office at (800) 616-6164.

Revised Caseflow Management Coming Soon

The National Center for State Courts' most popular publication, David Steelman's *Caseflow Management: The Heart of Court Management in the New Millennium*, is undergoing a third printing in a revised form and will be available soon.

The text of the third printing remains unchanged. However, Appendix A, which includes the National Association for Court Management's Caseflow Management Curriculum Guidelines, has been revised to reflect the version published by NACM in the *Court Manager* in the summer of 2003.

Mark Your Calendars for the Next CTC!

The National Center for State Courts' Ninth Court Technology Conference (CTC) will be held in Seattle, Washington, September 13-15, 2005. AJA was a proud sponsor of CTC8 in Kansas City, Missouri, last October.

Be sure to mark your calendars for CTC9! 