

News from the Core Support Units: Fact Sheet

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Judicial Programs and Processes Research Unit

The Judicial Programs and Process Research Unit supports the mission of the Court by providing statistical analysis and evaluation of Court services and programs to determine progress towards meeting defined Court organizational goals and objectives, which assists in the effective management of the Judicial System by promoting accountability, responsiveness, and continuous improvement throughout the Court organization. The Judicial Programs and Process Research Unit manages and facilitates the SMAART Performance Management Program, a performance-based planning, measurement, and improvement process which assists and supports judicial staff in developing, monitoring, and communicating the results of projects that are aligned with the Court's strategic plan.

Legal Research Services Unit

Legal Research Services provides legal support to the circuit and associate judges, as well as to the Executive Director and each of the six Division Directors. For the judges, the Unit performs legal research and writing on a variety of civil and criminal topics. In addition, the Unit regularly compiles, edits, and updates bench materials for the Courts. Further, the Unit provides legal support to judicial committees and assists with local rules, Court forms, and new legislation. For the Executive Director and the division directors, the Unit provides legal assistance in a variety of areas. The Unit anticipates and evaluates new legislation and prepares policy recommendations. The Unit acts as a legal liaison to the other Directors and considers issues unique to their division.