History of the Development of Current Standards for Jury Panel Sizes, 1990 to Current

1) April 25, 1990
AG's Office Releases Report 11408

2) May 16, 1990
AG's Office Releases Report 11422

3) August 14, 1990
Justice Shaw notifies Chief Judges of the Jury Management Efficiency Program and the FY 1990-91 appropriation for 20 new jury management positions

4) October 8, 1990
Justice Shaw signs an Administrative Order emphasizing the role of chief judges in jury management and establishing standard panel sizes

5) November and December, 1990
OSCA, NCSC, and other staff conduct a series of regional workshops and make presentations to court committees and judges as part of the jury management project

6) July 1, 1993
Florida law (ch. 92-297) shortening the term of service for jurors and altering juror compensation becomes effective

7) March 22, 1995
Based on initiation by Palmer, Justice Grimes signs a new administrative order regarding juror management and sends a letter to chief judges reiterating the need to utilize the established standards regarding panel sizes.

8) January 1, 1998
Florida law (ch. 91-235) changing the juror source list from voter registration list to drivers' license list becomes effective

9) October 1999
Jury Innovations Committee established by the Judicial Management Counsel

10) Dates Unknown
In an effort to develop budget cut proposals, the Funding Methodology subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) developed a recommendation to review current jury management practices

11) May 2001
Jury Innovations Committee releases its final report stressing "strict compliance with standard panel sizes" and recommending minor changes to the standards

12) July 31, 2001
The TCBC approves the proposal from the Funding Methodology subcommittee to review current jury management practices

13) March 14, 2003
Based on results of the review of jury management practices, The TCBC recommends the Supreme Court further review the applicability of current jury panel size standards

14) Session, 2003
Annual appropriation for juror per diem reduced by $600,000 to $4.5 million

15) October 17, 2003
Chief Justice Anstead issues AOSC03-41 regarding the final report from the Jury Innovations Committee.

16) October 20, 2003
While acknowledging the standards may need adjustments, Justice Anstead issues memo to CJ/TCAs stressing compliance with current jury panel size standards due to the reduction in per diem appropriations

17) May 2004
OSCA staff finalize a review of the effects of the reiteration of jury panel size standards by Justice Anstead and recommend the creation of a workgroup to review the standards

18) June 2004
Justice Anstead approves the creation of the workgroup to review the jury panel size standards

19) September 22, 2004
Justice Pariente signs AOSC04-64 creating a workgroup to review the jury panel size standards

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Note: OSCA and trial court staff have conducted jury management activities in addition to the specific jury management projects denoted in the timeline.