

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC04-64
Amended

IN RE: WORK GROUP ON STANDARDS FOR JURY PANEL SIZES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In accordance with the administrative authority conferred by section 2, Article V, Constitution of the State of Florida, and rule 2.030, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Work Group on Standards for Jury Panel Sizes is hereby established. The purpose of the Work Group is to review existing standards and develop recommendations to the Chief Justice, which may include proposed new or revised standards for jury panel sizes.

In order to guarantee continuing access to the courts, the State Courts System must provide for effective juror selection while ensuring the efficient use of fiscal resources and showing respect for the valuable time provided by citizen jurors. Effective and efficient operation of the juror system is addressed in *Horizon 2004, The 2002-2004 Operational Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch*, which includes an objective to “[e]nsure that the service of jurors and potential

jurors is meaningful and responsive to the needs of the individual jurors and the justice system.”

In light of the limited resources available to the State of Florida and the Judicial Branch, it is critical that implementation of recommended standards be achievable with resources and support that exist or are likely to be available. The Work Group shall perform the following tasks and submit a final report to the Chief Justice no later than August 31, 2005:

1. Review the history of the development of the current standards for jury panel sizes utilized in the Florida courts.
2. Review the recently completed analysis regarding the applicability of the current standards for jury panel sizes utilized in the Florida courts.
3. Develop and propose any necessary changes to standards for jury panel sizes to be utilized in the Florida State Courts System.
4. Consider the relationship between the jury panel size standards and other jury management indices, specifically people brought in per trial (PBI), and develop and propose standards for PBI and other indices as determined to be necessary.
5. There is a direct relationship between standard panel sizes and efficient juror use. To ensure maximum public participation in jury service, the Work Group is requested to propose to the Court strategies for

implementing recommendations by the Judicial Management Council's Jury Innovation Committee regarding summons enforcement, non-compliant jurors, and postponements of jury duty. Additionally, the Work Group should propose any other recommendations for policy, rule, or statutory changes that are directly related to panel sizes and that may serve to increase citizen participation in the jury process.

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The Work Group should seek advice and information from national jury experts including those from the National Center for State Courts. The Work Group should also review trends in other states on the issue of standards for jury panel sizes.

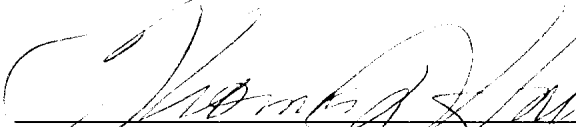
Justice R. Fred Lewis will serve as the Supreme Court's liaison to the Work Group. Staff support shall be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida on September 22, 2004.



Chief Justice Barbara J. Pariente

ATTEST:



Thomas D. Hall, Clerk

