

## **Initial Draft List of Best Practices and Scope of the Problem Developed from Member Discussions**

The initial draft list of best practices was compiled by staff based on the discussion between members of the Work Group on Standards for Jury Panel Sizes at their November 30, 2004 meeting. The initial draft list of best practices that may improve jury management includes:

1. Institute a greater review of pending cases;
2. Improve summoning enforcement;
3. Improve procedures related to postponement and excusals (New York experience may provide an example);
4. Establish a trial team;
5. Institute early juror selection;
6. Improve upon juror utilization;
7. Institute procedures for the preliminary review of hardship;
8. Allow for preemptive "bail out" for jurors in lengthy/complex cases;
9. Institute procedures for the preliminary review of length of trial;
10. Establish automatic excusal procedures/guidelines;
11. Establish a trial division;
12. Establish mandatory case management conferences;
13. Develop consistency in case management;
14. Improve communication between judges and parties to improved case management;
15. Develop and institute a public relations campaign stressing the importance of juror service; and
16. Propose rule changes.

Also discussed by members were ideas regarding the scope of the problem with impaneling a jury. The ideas regarding the scope of the problem included:

1. Geography (problems may be associated only with courts in a specific county or circuit);
2. Length of trials (problems may be associated only with complex cases involving a lengthy trial); and
3. Specific case types (problems may be associated with capital cases and certain circuit civil cases).