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**Florida Supreme Court Committee to Host Nine Public  
Meetings on Future of Florida Courts**

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Think of the changes Florida has undergone in the last two decades – and imagine the changes that will take place in the next two decades.

As Florida changes, so too must Florida courts. Sheer population growth will increase the number of cases coming into the courts. Significant changes in demographic and societal trends will alter the kinds of cases that the courts must resolve. Economic changes will impact the resources available to handle cases. Emerging technologies will change the ways people interact with each other and with the courts.

Florida's judicial branch is working on a long-range strategic plan so that the courts can respond to new challenges and stand firm as a strong cornerstone of a well-functioning society and a healthy economy. And it wants to hear from people around the state as it develops its plan.

The Supreme Court Task Force on Judicial Branch Planning will hold nine meetings around the state. The Task Force is inviting citizens and local officials to share their thoughts on trends and conditions that they believe will impact the ability of the judicial branch to carry out its mission over the next 20 years. The current strategic plan for the Florida judicial branch, which can be found at [www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/stratplan/index.shtml](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/stratplan/index.shtml), includes the mission and vision of the branch.

Dates and locations for the meetings are:

<b>City</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Pensacola	September 29 <sup>th</sup> 5-8 p.m. (Central)	Pensacola Public Library 200 West Gregory Street Pensacola
Orlando	October 1 <sup>st</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Orlando Public Library Main Location – Cypress Rm. 101 E. Central Boulevard Orlando
Miami-Dade	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Coral Gables Branch 3443 Segovia Street Coral Gables
Jacksonville	October 8 <sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Pablo Creek Regional Library 13295 Beach Boulevard Jacksonville
St. Petersburg	October 14 <sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.	St. Petersburg College St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus 6605 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North St. Petersburg
Port St. Lucie	October 15 <sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Schreiber Conference Center at St. Lucie West 500 N.W. California Boulevard Port St. Lucie
Ft. Myers	October 16 <sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Lakes Regional Library Meeting Room A 15290 Bass Road Fort Myers
Live Oak	October 22 5-8 p.m.	Suwannee River Regional Library 1848 Ohio/Dr. M.L. King Jr. Avenue South Live Oak
Sanford	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4-7 p.m.	Jury Assembly Room Criminal Justice Center 101 Bush Boulevard Sanford

Persons with disabilities or those using a TDD through the Florida Relay Service, 711, or who need an accommodation to participate should contact Kat Simpson at (850) 488-6569 as far in advance as possible, preferably at least five working days before the public hearing:

Individuals and organizations are also invited to submit written comments, which will be accepted through Nov. 1. Comments may be sent to:

Task Force on Judicial Branch Planning  
Office of the State Courts Administrator

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**MISSION:** The mission of the judicial branch is to protect rights and liberties, uphold and interpret the law, and provide for the peaceful resolution of disputes.

**VISION:** Justice in Florida will be accessible, fair, effective, responsive and accountable.