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Dear Friends:

The sixteenth annual edition of the *Statistical Reference Guide to Florida's Trial Courts* is a compilation of Summary Reporting System data as reported by the clerks of court for all Florida circuit and county courts during fiscal year 2015-16. It is a priority for the Office of the State Courts Administrator to provide a timely and accurate accounting of trial court statistics. The related caseload data includes information on filings, dispositions and other statistics.

The data contained in the *Statistical Reference Guide* is maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator and undergoes an extensive process including audit, examination, and verification of the data by our staff before it is compiled and distributed to court managers, policymakers, the legislature, our justice system partners, and the public.

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the trial court judges, clerks of court, and staff of the judicial branch to the statistical information reported in this guide. This data is essential for understanding the increasingly complex judicial workload of the State Courts System.

Sincerely,

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