
Message from the State Courts Administrator

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Dear Friends:



Information released in the ninth annual edition of the Statistical Reference Guide to Florida's Trial Courts is a compilation of Summary Reporting System (SRS) data provided by the sixty-seven clerks of court for fiscal year 2008-09. The data are maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) and encompass all Florida circuit and county courts including statistics on filings, dispositions and special proceedings. Each year staff of the OSCA work for several months examining and verifying the data exhibited in this guide. The data contained

in this publication are essential for the allocation of judicial resources and more importantly the oversight and management of the State Courts System. Thus, the clerks' efforts are a vital component in the process of reporting quality data.

This publication also assists in providing a vehicle for sharing data from our court system with policy makers, court users and the public. This mechanism for reporting court statistics is a necessary element in maintaining public trust and confidence in the judicial system.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all judicial personnel who contributed to the collection of these trial court statistics.

Sincerely,

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