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*Message from the State Courts Administrator*

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Dear Friends:



Information released in the seventh annual edition of the *Statistical Reference Guide to Florida's Trial Courts* is a compilation of Summary Reporting System data related to the State Courts System workload for FY 2006-07. The data encompasses all Florida circuit and county courts, and includes information on filings, dispositions and special proceedings, as reported by the clerks of court. Reference guide data is maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator and undergoes an

extensive examination and verification process by staff before it is compiled and distributed to policymakers, court users, and the public.

Included in this edition of the Guide is a summary review of FY 2006-07 statistical data. This section highlights changes in data and trends from prior years, which are influenced by the economic, demographic, and social environment of Florida. As such, this information provides a comprehensive view of the cases flowing through our court system.

I would like to express my appreciation to the trial court judges, clerks of court, and staff of the judicial branch for their assistance in supplying the statistical information reported in this guide as this data is essential for understanding the work of the State Courts System.

Sincerely,

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