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A MESSAGE FROM LISA GOODNER, STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR

This fall edition of the *Full Court Press* begins with a summary of Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis' major initiatives, many of which call for collaboration among justice system partners. Chief Justice Lewis plans to focus his energies on a multitude of important issues, including ensuring optimal functioning of the courts in emergencies; improving the management of cases involving complex litigation; providing diversity and sensitivity training for judges and court personnel; and standardizing jury instructions for business and contract disputes.

Chief Justice Lewis' goals also include securing greater ADA compliance in the courts; establishing a system for evaluating judges; continuing the implementation of unified family court; and developing a statewide justice teaching program. The article on the Chief Justice's initiatives gives more detail on these critical endeavors. This issue of the newsletter also includes articles on the work of court commissions, committees, and workgroups that will complement and carry out the Chief Justice's goals.

Please remember that the mission of the Full Court Press is to present information, to promote communication, and to create a kind of "meeting place" for all members of our state courts family. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goodner