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BOARD AWARDS GRANTS FOR THE 3rd QUARTER

The SJI Board of Directors met on June 17, 2010, to award grants for the 3rd quarter of FY 2010. Fifteen (15) new grants were awarded, totaling \$702,005. Three (3) Project Grants were awarded, including: support to the Maryland Judiciary for a comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of alternative dispute resolution in Maryland; funding to the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) for a project that will inform the public and media about state supreme court cases; and assistance to NCSC for the second phase of the Jury Manager's Toolbox.

Nine (9) Technical Assistance (TA) Projects were awarded, including: court case analysis and performance metrics for the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida; evaluation and cost/benefit analysis of appellate court staffing for the Council of Chief Judges for the State Courts of Appeal; a juvenile probation capacity building project for the Superior Court of Maricopa County, Arizona, Juvenile Court; and a courthouse security assessment for the Hawaii Judiciary. In addition, SJI supported operational assessments in several jurisdictions: Cleveland, Ohio, Municipal Court; Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Criminal District Court; Fulton County, Georgia, Juvenile Court; Renton, Washington, Municipal Court; and the Muscogee County, Georgia, Courts.

Three (3) Curriculum Adaptation & Training (CAT) Grants were awarded, including: professional development and training for the Missouri Office of the State Courts Administrator; an online managing human resources course for NCSC's Institute for Court Management; and distance learning content development for the National Association for Court Management.

SENATE CONFIRMS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On June 22, 2010, the Senate confirmed the President's nominations for the SJI Board of Directors:

Hon. James Hannah – Chief Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court.

Daniel Becker – State Court Administrator, Utah Administrative Office of the Courts. (continued on page 2)

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Hon. Gayle Nachtigal – Judge, Circuit Court of Washington County, Oregon.

John Nalbandian – Partner, Litigation Department of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP.

Marsha J. Rabiteau – Policy Consultant, Rabiteau Consulting, where she works on a number of policy, legislative, and court rules issues.

Hernán D. Vera – President & Chief Executive Officer of Public Counsel, the nation’s largest pro bono, public interest law firm.

By law, SJI is supervised by a Board of Directors consisting of 11 members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10703, the President appoints 6 judges and 1 state court administrator from a list of candidates submitted by the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ). In addition, the President also appoints 4 public member positions, no more than 2 of whom can be from the same political party.

STATUS OF FY 2011 APPROPRIATIONS



On June 30, 2010, the House Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Subcommittee on Appropriations marked up the CJS Bill for FY 2011. The mark included SJI’s full request of \$6,273,000; an increase of \$1,142,000 over the FY 2010 enacted budget. These funding levels will enable SJI to support more grants to the state courts, in addition to increasing our efforts to address national court issues, such as state court re-engineering in response to budget reductions.

The Subcommittee published a [summary table](#) of the Bill, which is available on the House Appropriations [website](#).

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SJI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Program is on a “first-come, first-served” basis, with a limited budget each fiscal year. For FY 2010, the amount available for scholarships was \$175,000. As of June 28, 2010, SJI has awarded the full amount available; therefore, no scholarship funding is available for the remainder of the fiscal year. The next deadline for scholarship applications is November 1, 2010, for courses that begin after January 1, 2011. The Scholarship Program is very popular with judges and court managers, so potential applicants are encouraged to apply for scholarships as soon as possible after the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1st).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SJI has recently posted a [job announcement](#) on the SJI website for a Program Analyst. Those interested are encouraged to apply via email to jobs@sjj.gov.
- Grant application deadline for the remainder of the fiscal year: **August 1, 2010** (4th Quarter).
- Grant and scholarship application deadline for the 1st quarter of FY 2011: **November 1, 2010**.
- Current grantees are reminded that Quarterly Status Reports (QSRs) and Financial Status Reports (FSRs) should be mailed to SJI. The FSR must also include an original signature.
- Current grantees who require grant adjustments to allow more time to complete their projects, need budget realignments, other changes to their projects that require SJI approval, must submit a letter to SJI requesting the adjustment. The letter should clearly describe why the change is necessary.
- Current and future grantees and scholarship recipients can choose to receive payments via EFT. This is a faster method of receiving payment from SJI. To participate in EFT, SJI will need a completed [SF 3881-Automated Clearing House \(ACH\)/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form](#), which is available on the SJI website under the [Forms](#) tab.