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SJI Awards FY 2018 First Quarter Grants

Products and Resources

Since 2011, SJI has designated the library at the National Center for State Courts as the official repository of published work related to SJI-supported grant projects. You can search the collection online by using the term, State Justice Institute.



The SJI Board of Directors met on December 4, 2017, at SJI Headquarters in Reston, VA, to make decisions on quarterly grant applications, and awarded a total of nine new grants.

A Strategic Initiatives Grant (SIG) was awarded to the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCFJCJ) for an initiative on Military Families in Juvenile and Family courts. In partnership with the Department of Defense (DOD), the initiative will:

- Establish a project Task Force of Military Committee members and armed services members to guide the initiative.
- Formulate uniform standards for information and resource sharing, with a major emphasis on the development of templates for MOUs between state courts and military posts.
- Identify and recruit juvenile and family courts in jurisdictions with significant military presence to serve as pilot sites.
- Create an online National Resource Center on Military Families in the Juvenile and Family Courts.
- Create documents for state courts/military installations, including template MOUs, bench cards, resource guidelines, and links to services.
- Develop a training curriculum for judges, military command, and key stakeholders on the unique issues of military families.



- Hold a second Summit on Military Families and State Courts for continuing and sustaining these efforts.

A Project Grant was awarded to the [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) to meet its goals of providing comprehensive educational programs, publications, online forums, and distance learning opportunities to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its members and within the

judicial system. Specifically, the project will support educational sessions for NACM mid-year and annual meetings, including sessions covering all of SJI's [Priority Investment Areas](#).

Four (4) Technical Assistance (TA) Grants

were awarded: the King County, Washington, Superior Court for an on-boarding and leadership program; the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts for a case management strategic plan; the Arizona Supreme Court for a Fair Justice for Persons with Mental Illness initiative; and the Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator for an information technology assessment.

Three (3) Curriculum Adaptation and Training (CAT) Grants were awarded: the Michigan Court Administration Association to support statewide Institute for Court Management training programs; the [National Association for Women Judges](#) (NAWJ) for an elder issues project; and the Nebraska Judicial Branch for judicial education on sex offender management.

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Chief Justice Minton Elected SJI Board Chair

During its recent meeting, the SJI Board held a special election for the Chair position and Chief Justice John Minton from Kentucky was elected as Chair.

John D. Minton Jr. is serving his second eight-year term on the Supreme Court of Kentucky and his third four-year term as chief justice. He is the 2016-2017 president of the Conference of Chief Justices and chair of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors. He was appointed to the SJI Board of Directors in 2016. He was previously in private practice and a judge for the Circuit Court and Court of Appeals. He holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky College of Law.



Former Chair, Chief Justice Chase Rogers, announced her retirement from the bench effective in February, and called for a special election for the SJI Board Chair position. While retiring from the bench, she will continue serving on the Board of Directors.

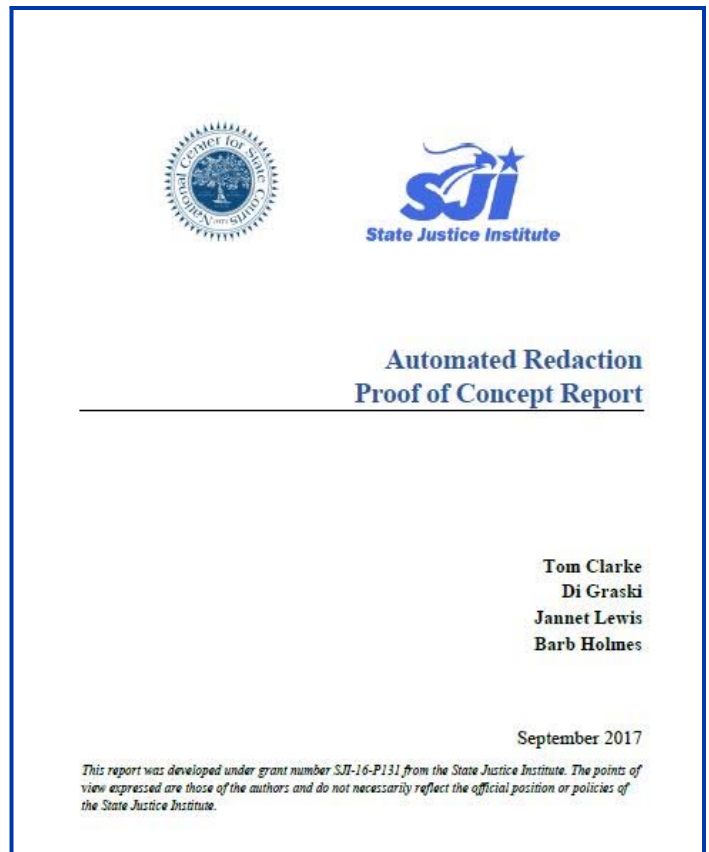
Automated Redaction Proof of Concept Report

The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) recently published [Best Practices for Court Privacy Policy Formulation](#), which includes the updated public access and privacy guidelines from an earlier [Conference of State Court Administrators](#) (COSCA) model (released in 2002). A proof of concept (POC) report was needed to determine the accuracy of automatically redacted information, which should be generated in conjunction with the revised Model Policy for Electronic Public Access to Court Case Records. The NCSC collaborated with [Computing System Innovations](#) (CSI) and [Extract](#), - private vendors offering automated data-identification tools in their product lines, as well as state and local courts, which provided the records essential to the POC review process.

Some highlights of the report beyond its descriptive methodology, include the following:

- A breakdown of accuracy rates by: Redaction Target, High-level (overall), Data and Document Types;
- Description of the essential components needed for testing within the court case records; and,
- A multi-factor system for determining redacted targets.

Issued in September 2017, the full report titled, "[Automated Redaction: Proof of Concept Report](#)," is available online, through the [NCSC Library's eCollection](#). Also included among the list of COSCA [resources](#), this report, reaffirms the connection to content and methodology when reviewing for accuracy across redacted records.



December Trends Features High Profile Case Management

Trends In State Courts is both an annual publication and a website with a "[Monthly Trends](#)" feature.

This month, the featured trend was [Managing High-Profile Cases](#), which has been a focus of collaborative grant work between SJI and several key partners, including the [National Center for State Courts](#), [Conference of Court Public Information Officers](#), and the [National Judicial College](#).

A high-profile case is defined in the piece as, "a case that attracts enough media or public attention that the court must or should make significant alterations to ordinary court procedures to manage it." This could be because of attachment to a particular issue at the forefront of society, involvement of a celebrity, or some other element of the case that captures the media's attention.

In the feature, the Managing High-Profile Cases in the 21st Century [website](#) is cited as the primary reference tool for all existing work related to these cases, which includes definitions and examples,

continuity of operations planning, updated content from *Managing Notorious Trials*, originally published in 1992 (updated in 1998), media relations, and critical constitutional case law, among other resources.



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