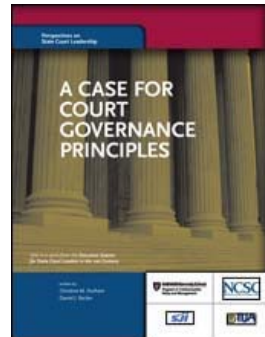
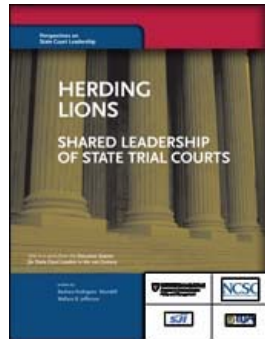


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Executive Session for State Court Leaders

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The Harvard Executive Session for State Court Leaders in the 21st Century has released ten papers in total, with more planned for the future.

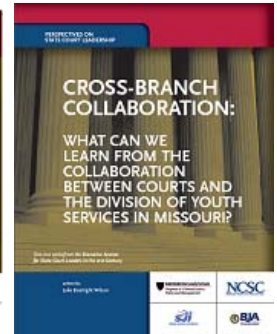
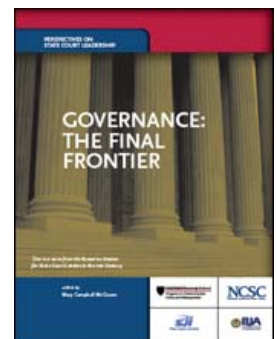
Supported by SJI, the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#), and the [National Center for State Courts \(NCSC\)](#), this project enabled state court leaders to discuss and develop ways to address the challenges facing the courts. The products of this effort are individual papers by members of Executive Session.

The most recent paper, [Sustainable Court Governance: The Critical Role of Strategic Management](#) is now available.

Forthcoming papers include:

- *The Politics of Restraint: State Court Leaders in the 21st Century*
- *Judicial Budgeting - The Separation of Powers and Institutional Independence*
- *A Fair Trial in the 21st Century*
- *Judicial Independence and the State Court Funding Crisis*

A complete catalog of the published papers is available [online](#). Included with each paper is a brief video introduction of the topic addressed by the authors, as well as reflections on its importance to state court leadership.



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Human Trafficking and the State Courts

Last month, SJI Board member Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman announced a new statewide initiative in New York, the first of its kind in the United States, which establishes [Human Trafficking Intervention Courts](#). SJI established Human Trafficking and the State Courts as a Priority Investment Area in FY 2013, and is working to provide the state courts with information and resources to address this critical issue.

The New York initiative will work to curb arrests of victims and trafficking activity by intervening in the lives of trafficked men, women, and children. Like other states, New York has observed that human trafficking most commonly presents itself in the form of sex trafficking. This new program targets cases involving individuals charged with prostitution-related offenses in an effort to identify and assist sex trafficking victims. Recruitment into this profession by force, fraud, and coercion exists among immigrants and U.S. citizens.



SJI's Human Trafficking and the State Courts [Priority Investment Area](#) seeks Project, Technical Assistance, and Curriculum Adaptation and Training grants that evaluate the impact of federal and state immigration and human trafficking laws and policies, address juvenile and family issues, and provide training to judges and court staff.

In addition to supporting the establishment of the [Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative](#), SJI has worked with the Na-

tional Judicial Education Program's (NJEP) [Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating This Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases](#), to add a learning module specific to human trafficking issues. Jurisdictions and national court support organizations developing human trafficking-related projects to address multiple dimensions of this issue are encouraged to consult with SJI before submitting a proposal.

Justice Management Institute Hosts Models For Change Court Leadership Program

In early October 2013, the Justice Management Institute (JMI) hosted the Models for Change Court Leadership Program. The Symposium, titled "What State Courts Can Do to Promote Juvenile Justice Reform," was co-hosted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

[Models for Change](#) supports a network of government and court officials, legal advocates, educators, community leaders, and families working together to ensure that kids who make mistakes are held accountable and treated fairly throughout the juvenile justice



process. Models for Change has supported counties and states in reforming the way they treat juveniles who have committed crimes. Local officials say that Models for Change has helped them improve public safety and support juveniles, even as they grapple with tight budgets and tough fiscal decisions.

The Symposium event provided court leaders and their partners with the opportunity to advance beyond baseline knowledge of juvenile

justice issues and challenged those present to collaborate on a national level, as well as use conversations on key juvenile justice reforms to further creative, integrated solutions.

A summary of proceedings, materials, case summaries, and other useful resources can be found [online](#) through JMI. Additional collaboration between the partners is planned in the future, including convening future learning opportunities; and, continuing to develop resources for state court leaders through the four new Models for Change Resource Centers .

A National Call to Action Serves as a Valuable Resource for Ensuring Language Access



If you have attended the recent Court Technology Conference (CTC), you may likely have been greeted by the National Call to Action display.

Staffed by NCSC team members, this display marks the availability of key resources to address access to justice, limited English proficiency (LEP), and cases involving self-represented litigants, including the recently released publication, [*A National Call to Action - Access to Justice for Limited English Proficient Litigants: Creating Solutions to Language Barriers in State Courts.*](#)

Supported by SJI, the [National Call to Action](#) is designed to provide a road map to jurisdictions as they work toward improving services to LEP litigants (SJI-12-P-015).

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