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Grantee Spotlight: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia - Jury Orientation Video



SJI awarded grant funding to the [Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia](#) (“Court”) to produce a jury orientation video for its unified court system. The video replaced a 30-year-old video featuring actor Raymond Burr. The Court drafted, produced, and disseminated a timeless video to be used during jury orientation to explain the basics of the justice system and the function of the jury as the finders of fact. The 10-minute video, along with a companion handbook, is anticipated to benefit... [Read more](#)

In the News

New Probate Report: Strengthening Probate Administration

The [Council for Court Excellence](#) (CCE) and the [D.C. Access to Justice Commission](#) (ATJC) are publishing Strengthening Probate Administration in the District of Columbia. The report, created with support from the [State Justice Institute](#), includes practical recommendations spanning 20 different topic areas, including: Expanding Community Education on Estate Planning and Probate Administration; Simplifying Transfers of Certain Property and Notice Requirements; Increasing Access to Self-Help Materials and Legal Advice; Adjusting Levels for Allowances... [Read more](#)

Rural Justice Programs Across Country To Receive Recognition

Ten programs in eight states and Puerto Rico will receive recognition for their work in rural communities by the [Rural Justice Collaborative \(RJC\)](#). The programs have been

nominated for their innovative practices in justice, child welfare, behavioral health and public health. The RJC showcases the strengths of rural communities and highlights cross-sector collaboration success to overcome unique challenges that impact their ability to deliver fair and equitable justice. The work under the RJC is supported by... [Read more](#)

NACo Launches Convening County, Court and Justice Leaders Initiative with Five Sites

The [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) is pleased to announce the first round of participants for the *Convening County, Court, and Justice Leaders: A Framework for Cross-System Collaboration* initiative. The initiative was just recently launched by NACo and its partners at [Rulo Strategies](#) and [Praxis Consulting](#), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#). It is designed to support county, court, and justice leaders as they partner to establish local priorities and align resources to achieve their justice and public safety goals. The initial participating sites are... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Upcoming Webinar!
Considerations Leading Up to Remote Hearings.
The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting this webinar on February 17th, 2022 at 3:00PM EST. This webinar will feature a high-energy, practical discussion about the ways that courts can adapt to make the steps leading up to a hearing best for all court users. Register [here](#).



Register Today!
The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) 2022 Midyear Conference will be taking place February 20-22nd, 2022. The upcoming midyear conference theme is Resilience and Reinvention: Transforming the Future of Courts. To register now, click [here](#).



Join us! SJI is hosting a free webinar on Federal Grant Management on February 28th, 2022 from 1:00-3:00PM EST. The webinar will provide an overview of the federal grant system, focusing on key grant management requirements set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal



Upcoming Webinar!
Courageous Conversations: Who? What? How? February 24th, 2022 at 3:00PM EST. During this session, Missouri attorney and diversity trainer Dana Tippin Cutler will cover timely topics, including micro-aggressions, trigger words, and implicit bias. This webinar is presented by the Blueprint for Racial Justice Communication and

Awards (the “Uniform Guidance”) codified... [Read more](#)

Implementation work group, funded by SJI. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! *Raising the Bar on Juvenile Reentry: Ways Probation Officers*

Use Data. The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) and the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) are hosting the event "Raising the Bar on Juvenile Reentry" on February 24th, 2022 at 3:00PM EST. Register [here](#).



Registration Now Open! The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (NCJJ)'s Celebration

Tour 2022 of National Conferences. Register today for the 2022 National Conference on Juvenile Justice. The upcoming event will be held March 13-16th, 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – Home of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. Register [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to contact@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **May 1, 2022.**

Learn more about [SJI grants](#) and [apply](#) today!



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