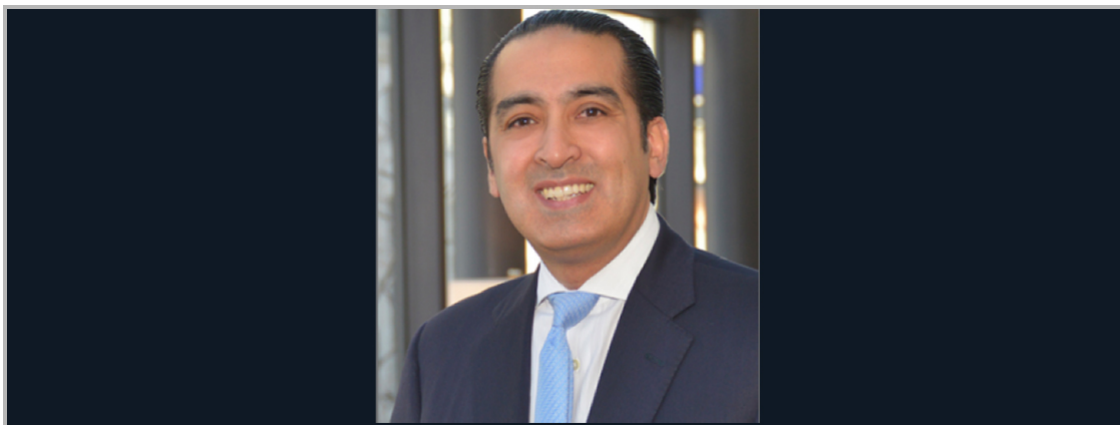


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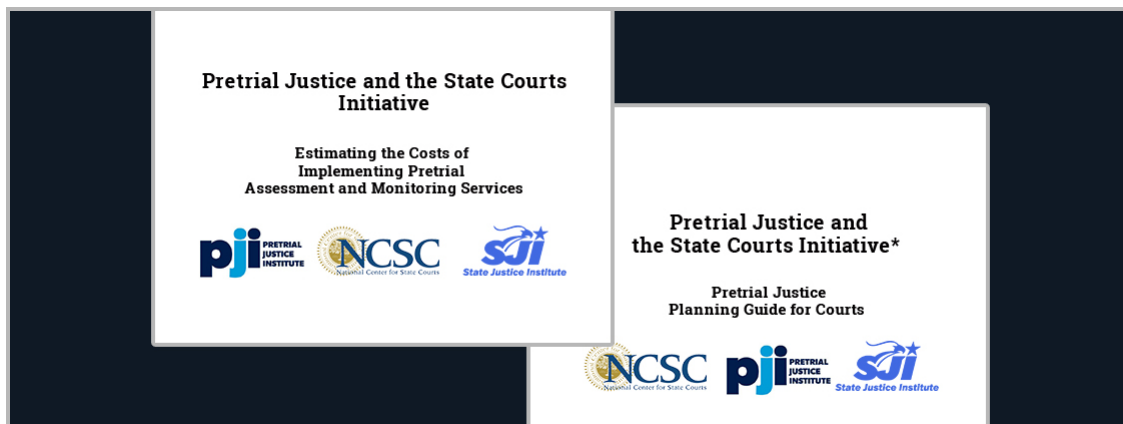


SJI Honors Judge John Nalbandian for His Service on the Board of Directors

On July 11, 2018, Judge John Nalbandian stepped down from the SJI Board of Directors, after serving since 2010.

He was confirmed by the Senate as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on May 15th and assumed office on May 25th. Judge Nalbandian previously was a partner in the Litigation Department of [Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP](#), where he concentrated on appellate and complex litigation in state and federal courts and was a member of the firm's Appellate Practice group. He represented clients in a wide range of areas including antitrust, class actions, products liability, intellectual property, and white-collar crime. He also served on the Ohio State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Specialty Board; was a member of the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program's Board of Directors; and was a Life Member of the [Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals](#) and served on the Life Member Committee. He served as a Board member of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky and the Northern Kentucky Tri-Ed Board of Directors, and had been recognized annually since 2007 by The Best Lawyers in America for his work in Appellate Law.

During his time on the SJI Board of Directors, Judge Nalbandian was a strong advocate for the state courts - consistently seeking to improve the administration of justice in state courts and enhance access to justice. He took special interest in promoting the work of national state court associations and organizations, including the National Association for Court Management (NACM). Judge Nalbandian viewed these associations and organizations as critical to the wide dissemination of best practices and promotion of SJI's Priority Investment Areas. He also served on the SJI Board Executive Committee as Treasurer, and the Board's Education Support Program Committee.



Pretrial Justice and the State Courts Initiative Announces Two New Resources

The Pretrial Justice and the State Court Initiative is a collaboration between the [National Center for State Courts \(NCSC\)](#) and the [Pretrial Justice Institute \(PJI\)](#), with grant support provided by SJI.

Two new resources are now available that provide valuable insights on successful pretrial programs administered by state courts:

1. [Estimating the Costs of Implementing Pretrial Assessment and Monitoring Services](#): This brief highlights how courts and their criminal justice system partners can collaborate to estimate the costs of using an evidenced-based pretrial assessment and monitoring tools (both supervision-based and remote/electronic). Examples from California, Kentucky, New Jersey, Yakima County in Washington, and St. Mary's County in Maryland, are presented to show how both uniform statewide and jurisdiction-based programs have been planned, implemented, and reviewed. The brief walks the reader through considerations to explore with stakeholders before moving forward in light of shared outcomes, efficiencies, and cost-benefit analysis.
2. [Pretrial Justice Planning Guide for Courts](#): This guide provides an in-depth analysis of the pretrial planning process that jurisdictions have or should embark on when working with partners using a multi-phase approach. By breaking down the process into: 1) Guiding Questions; 2) Tasks and Worksheets; and, 3) Online Resources, the guide is meant to actively support the planning process after agreement that some pretrial program and service is needed, or a situation where the court is positioned as the lead to guide the process to redesign and improve the existing pretrial program.



Update on the National Judicial Opioid Task Force

The National Judicial Opioid Task Force (NJOTF) was established by the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), with funding from SJI, in August 2017 to address the issue of opioid-related cases and promote solutions nationwide.

Recently, the NJOTF released a [summary update](#) detailing the activities over the past year, which includes the accomplishments of NJOTF work groups (Children and Families, Civil and Criminal Justice, and Collaboration and Education). Presented in a clear manner, using infographics, a timeline, and summarized content, the NJOTF has centered their efforts on addressing critical topics and producing practical materials such as fact sheets, webinars, videos, "TedTalk" style events, bench cards, interactive maps, and other resources for judges, court personnel, and justice system stakeholders.

As these resources become available, SJI will continue to share them and updates are also available on the [NJOTF website](#), hosted by the National Center for State Courts.



NCSC Releases Trends in State Courts 2018

[Trends in State Courts 2018](#) examines how courts are meeting the changing needs of society. Articles on human trafficking, opioid abuse, and other topics discuss how courts can address these important issues.

SJI-supported projects featured in Trends 2018 include:

- Peacemaking Programs Offer State Courts an Alternative Path (page 23); and,
- Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children: Findings of a National Judicial Survey and Recommendations (page 53).

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