



March 2024 | Vol. 34, No. 6

---

## Grantee Spotlight: Judicial Innovation Fellowship Program



The [Judicial Innovation Fellowship](#) (JIF) is an initiative incubated at the Justice Lab at Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Technology Law and Policy. The JIF is a year-long fellowship for technologists, designers, and user testers to transform justice across state, local, territorial, and tribal courts. It is an exciting new opportunity for technologists, product people, and designers to use their talents for justice. Partnering with state, local, territorial, and tribal courts, fellows will have the opportunity to work inside courts to improve how people access justice. Courts gain a unique opportunity to improve operations and equity by receiving a Judicial Innovation Fellow. The Hamilton County General Sessions Court Judicial Innovation Fellowship and Kansas Judicial Branch Judicial Innovation Fellowship SRL e-filing Initiative projects are the... [Read more](#)

---

## In the News

### New Summits Aim to Strengthen Cybersecurity for State Courts

Funded by [State Justice Institute](#), the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC), in partnership with the COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee and the Center for Internet Security/Multistate Information Sharing and Analysis Center are launching the summits across the country, with the first summit expected later this year. There will be five regional hybrid summits where court leaders will gain a deeper understanding of cybersecurity and technical disaster recovery resources and tools. The purpose of the summits is to prepare state courts to better prevent, respond to, and recover from

cybersecurity events. The project was recently highlighted in a [Government Technology Magazine](#)... [Read more](#)

## Gavel to Gavel: Tracking State-by-State Legislative Activity

The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) is pleased to announce new [Gavel to Gavel](#) resource, which tracks state-by-state legislative activity with potential impact on state courts. In 2024, they are focusing primarily on monitoring proposed legislation related to judicial selection and to cyber and physical security of state courts. An “other” category collects other notable proposed legislation beyond these two focus... [Read more](#)

## New Resource! National Youth Defense System Standards

[The Gault Center](#) has just released their newest resource, [The National Youth Defense System Standards](#). The System Standards provide a metric to assess a state’s compliance with constitutional mandates that safeguard the rights of young people in the juvenile legal system, with a particular focus on the right to counsel. The System Standards call on states to invest in well-resourced youth defense delivery systems to comply with their constitutional obligations to provide every single youth facing liberty deprivations with a qualified and zealous attorney... [Read more](#)

---

## Announcements



Upcoming Webinar! Join the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC)

for: *A Follow-Up Conversation to Ensuring Effective Communication for People with Disabilities on March 13th, 2024, from 12:00PM - 1:00PM EST.* This webinar is a follow-up conversation to the January 31st webinar: *Ensuring Effective Communication for People with Disabilities*. This follow-up conversation is intended to answer any unanswered questions and provide additional guidance and resources. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Conference! Join the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#)

(NCJFCJ) for the 2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice taking place **March 17th – 20th, 2024**, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting-edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. Register [here](#).

[SJI Funding Toolkit](#): New Weekly Guide to Federal Grant Programs.

Upcoming Webinar! Join the [NCSC](#) for: *Earth, Wind & Fire - State*



Access the weekly guide to [Federal Grant Programs](#) in one concise document, organized by topic area, and that highlights key information to help jurisdictions make decisions about whether to pursue these open funding opportunities. [The SJI Funding Toolkit](#) is designed to support local courts, state courts, and their justice system partners as they pursue federal and philanthropic funding opportunities. Read more [here](#).



*Courts, Natural Disasters & the Insurance Industry's Response on **March***

**27th, 2024, from 2:30PM - 3:30PM EST.** State courts will increasingly see themselves at the center of insurance disputes as local communities face more catastrophic natural disasters as seen in recent years. This webinar helps courts grasp the changes and new practices emerging from the insurance industry. To register now, click [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to [contact@sjj.gov](mailto:contact@sjj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Are you a SJI grantee interested in being featured in our monthly newsletter and on our website? Follow the instructions on our [Grantee Spotlight Submission Instructions page](#).



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **May 1, 2024**.

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



## State Justice Institute

12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340

Fairfax, VA 22033

Board of Directors

[unsubscribe from this list.](#)

Copyright © 2024, All rights reserved.

