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Principal Court Management

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Work Experience

Current responsibilities include domestic and international projects in such areas as court organization and governance, operations and performance review, trial court and appellate court caseflow management, problem-solving programs, business process enhancement, and family and juvenile court matters.

Former NCSC vice president and Northeastern Regional Office director, overseeing provision of services to state and local courts in the northeast. Former adjunct professor, Boston College Evening Division.

Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law

M.A., University of New Hampshire

B.A., University of New Hampshire

Highlights of NCSC Projects

- Project director for row office consolidation implementation planning in Allegheny County, PA (2007)
- Project director for determination of judgeship, prosecutor, public defender and support staff needs in New Mexico (2006-2007)
- Project director for creation of NCSC mass tort clearinghouse, 2005-2006
- Project director for evaluation of methods and costs for King County (WA) District Court Operational Master Plan and Facilities Master Plan (2004-2005)

- Project director for review of adult and juvenile probation operations in San Bernardino County, CA (2003)
- USAID-funded civil caseflow management consultant to Egyptian Ministry of Justice, 1997-1999, 2002 and 2008
- Project director for USAID-funded procedures review and management audit of the Supreme Court of Nepal, 2000
- Evaluator of trial-court consolidation demonstration projects in Michigan, 1996-1999 and 2001
- Project director for studies of caseflow management for trial courts in 14 Minnesota counties (1999-2002); ten Pennsylvania counties (1979-1992 and 2004); and thirteen other states (1981-2008)
- Director of SJI project to improve performance of Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago, Illinois (1991-1995)

Selected Books and Publications

- “Can An Italian Court Use the American Approach to Delay Reduction?” (with Marco Fabri) *Justice System Journal* (Vol. 29, 2008)
- *Caseflow Management: A Brief Guide for Family Court Judges* (New York State Judicial Institute, 2006).
- *Caseflow Management: The Heart of Court Management in the New Millennium* (lead author, with John Goerdts and James McMillan)(revised edition) (NCSC, 2004)
- *Court Business Process Enhancement Guide* (Search, Inc., and NCSC for COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee, 2003)
- (Contributing author) *Changing Times in Trial Courts: Caseflow Management and Delay Reduction in Urban Trial Courts*, by Barry Mahoney, et al. (NCSC, 1988)
- *Traffic Court Procedure and Administration* (2d ed.) (co-author with James Economos) (American Bar Association, 1983)

Selected Presentations

- “CourTools and Improved Performance in the New Hampshire Court System” (Concord, NH, July 2007)
- “Caseflow Management in New York State Family Courts” (NY State Judicial Institute, 2006 Summer Judicial Seminars, June-July 2006)
- “Implementing a Caseflow Management Improvement Strategy” (Belgrade, Serbia, March 2005).
- “Caseflow Management and Delay Reduction in Courts” (Washington, DC, World Bank, June 2004).

Bar Affiliations and Professional Membership

- Bar of Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management (1993-present)
- National Association for Court Management (1987-present)

Awards and Honors

- Visiting Scholar, Research Institute on Judicial Systems, University of Bologna, Italy (2004)
- Senior Fellow, National Center for State Courts (1992-1994)
- Excellence Award, National Center for State Courts (1985)
- Bronze Star Medal, US Army, Vietnam (1971)
- Ford Foundation Teaching Fellow, University of New Hampshire (1967-1968)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of New Hampshire (1967)