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The court is conducting a survey to determine how safe individuals feel while they are in the courthouse. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions that follow. Your responses will be kept confidential. The responses of all individuals who complete the survey will be analyzed and presented together. Your responses will help the court ensure that the courthouse is both accessible and safe for all who do business there. Thank you for your help in this effort.

Part I. Perceptions of Courthouse Security

The following questions ask you about the safety of the court. Unless otherwise specified, courthouse refers to the court building, the grounds around the building, and associated parking areas.

1. Within the past 2 years, do you think that crime in the courthouse has:
 - Increased
 - Decreased
 - Remained the same

2. Within the past 2 years, has your level of concern about the safety of your personal property at the courthouse:
 - Increased
 - Decreased
 - Remained the same

3. Within the past 2 years, has your level of concern about your personal safety at the courthouse:
 - Increased
 - Decreased
 - Remained the same

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4. Have you recently limited or changed your activities in the courthouse because of your concerns about safety?

Yes

No

5. If possible, do you avoid being in and around the courthouse after dark based on concerns about safety and/or courthouse security?

Yes

No

6. How safe do you feel in the following courthouse areas? Circle the appropriate response for each item. If you are not familiar with a particular area of the courthouse, circle "9."

	Very Unsafe	Somewhat Unsafe	Safe	Very Safe	Not Familiar
Courtroom(s)	1	2	3	4	9
Lobby/Waiting Areas	1	2	3	4	9
Judges' Chambers	1	2	3	4	9
Clerk's Office	1	2	3	4	9
Jury Assembly Rooms	1	2	3	4	9
Jury Deliberation Rooms	1	2	3	4	9
Cafeteria/ Snack Bar	1	2	3	4	9
Restrooms	1	2	3	4	9
Parking Areas	1	2	3	4	9

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	Very Unsafe	Somewhat Unsafe	Safe	Very Safe	Not Familiar
Public Corridors	1	2	3	4	9
Private Corridors	1	2	3	4	9
Elevators	1	2	3	4	9
Stairs	1	2	3	4	9

7. How likely do you think it is that you might be a victim of each of the following crimes while at the courthouse? Circle the appropriate response for each item.

	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Likely	Very Likely
Robbed	1	2	3	4
Assaulted	1	2	3	4
Raped	1	2	3	4
Harassed	1	2	3	4
Threatened	1	2	3	4
Other:_____	1	2	3	4

8. Please rate, in general, the performance of courthouse security officers:

- Good
- Average
- Poor

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9. In what ways do you feel courthouse security could improve? Please check all that you feel are applicable.

- No improvement needed.
- Need more security officers.
- Officers should spend more time patrolling and investigating.
- Officers should be more prompt in responding to incidents.
- Need to improve training.
- Should raise the qualifications/pay for courthouse security officers.
- Security officers should exercise a greater degree of concern and courtesy toward courthouse users.
- More security officers are needed in certain areas or at certain times.

Comment: _____

Other: _____

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10. The court must balance the safety of the court with the court's accessibility to the public. In general, do you think the court is:

- Too secure
- Appropriately secure
- Not secure enough

Part II. Incidents of Victimization

This set of questions addresses issues related to incidences of actual victimization at the courthouse. Again, "courthouse" refers to the court building, surrounding grounds, and associated parking lots.

11. Have you been the victim of a crime or attempted crime at the courthouse within the past 2 years?

- Yes
- No

If you answered "no" to Question 11, please go to Question 13.

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12. If you answered "yes" to Question 11, please identify the type of crime for which you were a victim. Please check all that apply.

- Someone took something from you by using force.
- Someone ***tried*** unsuccessfully to rob you by using force or threatening to harm you.
- Someone beat you, attacked you, or used a weapon against you (other than in incidents already mentioned).
- Someone ***tried*** to beat you or ***threatened*** you with a weapon (other than in incidents already mentioned).
- Someone verbally abused you or threatened you in any way (other than in incidents already mentioned).
- In the last 2 years, something has been stolen from your car.
- In the last 2 years, you found evidence that someone tried to steal something from your car.
- In the last 2 years, someone took your personal belongings from your office while you were not there.
- In the last 2 years, you found evidence that someone tried to take your personal belongings from your office while you were not there.

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13. Please describe anything that has increased or decreased your sense of security at the courthouse:

Part III. Background

Please provide the court with some background information. This information will provide a context for interpreting the results.

14. On average, how often are you in the courthouse? (Please check one)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> For limited periods (e.g., jury duty) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | _____ |

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15. Please describe your relationship to the court (check one):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probation Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Officer of the Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Defender | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Reporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Employee (other than security or probation officer) who works in the courthouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Searcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

16. Gender: Male Female

17. Age:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35–44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55–65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25–34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45–54 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65 |

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18. Race/Ethnicity:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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19. Highest grade completed:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Four years of college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twelfth grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two years of college | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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