

Free Webinar Court Executive Team Training
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“Effectively Balancing Victims’ and Defendants’ Constitutional Rights in Local Courts”

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State and local courts’ budget constraints are impacting judges’ and court managers’ continuing professional education opportunities. This fiscal reality endures despite increasing pressures on the judiciary to comply with and balance increasingly complex, seemingly competing statutory and constitutional mandates.

A growing majority of states’ codes and/or Constitutions now mandate courts comply with enumerated victims’ rights. This need not present judges and court managers with irreconcilable judicial administration challenges. This free, practical, interactive 90-minute Webinar brings together teams of presiding judges and court managers from across the country. These court executive teams will share and explore proven strategies for effectively balancing victims’ and defendants’ rights. The Webinar will include a variety of activities and opportunities to dialogue to advance shared learning and foster full participation by all.

Webinar themes will include “Courts’ Leadership Role in Ethically Balancing Victims’ and Defendants’ Rights”, “Overview of Victims’ Statutorily and Constitutionally Recognized Rights”, “Court Techniques for Ensuring Implementation of Victims’ Rights”, and “Overarching Multiple Goals of Restitution”.

This free Webinar represents the latest innovative phase of an acclaimed multi-year national initiative – the *Judicial Education Project (JEP)*. The JEP curriculum draws from the Project’s 20-member cross-disciplinary Advisory Board’s recommendations, input from state and local court leaders, rigorous peer review and pilot testing. Components of the curriculum have previously been delivered to national and state judicial and court administration associations and conferences.

While presiding local judges are encouraged to team with their court manager, any local judge and/or court manager interested in exploring the solutions to this contemporary judicial branch challenge are welcome to participate in the Webinar.

Hosted by the National Center for State Courts, this Webinar is easy to access and user-friendly. If your court team has Internet access and a telephone, you can follow simple steps to join at 12:00 noon (EST) on November 19, 2009. To register for this free Webinar, please contact Denise Dancy at ddancy@ncsc.org or 757.259.1593. Instructions for accessing the Webinar will follow after registration.