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### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Circuit, Family Division, District, and Municipal Court Judges  
cc: Circuit, Family Division, District, and Municipal Court Administrators  
County Clerks  
Juvenile Registers

FROM: John A. Hohman, Jr.

RE: Ability to Pay Workgroup Report

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In June 2014, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) convened a workgroup to address the issue of determining an obligor's ability to pay when establishing payment plans, providing payment alternatives, enforcing court-ordered financial obligations, and identifying uncollectible debts. This workgroup, chaired by the Honorable John Hallacy of the 10th District Court (Calhoun County) and comprised of judges, court administrators, attorneys, and collections specialists throughout the state, issued a report to the SCAO with its findings and recommendations.

Within its report, the Ability to Pay Workgroup provided tools and guidance for determining an obligor's ability to pay and addressing issues related to that subject. The workgroup's goal was to craft a report that will assist all courts involved in the criminal and juvenile justice system.

[See the report.](#)

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