Criminal Caseflow Management: Principles and Their Application in the Courtroom

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AVAILABLE TO COURT ADMINISTRATORS AND STATE JUDICIAL EDUCATION OFFICES

American University’s Justice Programs Office is making available to Court Administrators and State Judicial Educators copies of a new training diskette on Criminal Caseflow Management that was developed and produced under AU’s BJA-sponsored Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project (CCTAP) and is currently undergoing BJA review prior to general distribution. The diskette contains video presentations by Ernest Friesen, Judge William Dressel, and Maureen Solomon on the principles underlying criminal caseflow management and implementation issues and strategies, and also includes six courtroom scenarios demonstrating the application of criminal caseflow management principles in the courtroom. The diskette is designed to be used in conjunction with two CCTAP resources prepared by Ms. Solomon:

Improving Criminal Caseflow (2008);
and

Both of these documents are available at: www.american.edu/justice.

Up to ten Court Administrators and Judicial Education offices willing to use the diskette in one or more training programs between July and December 2012 and provide a written review to the AU Justice Programs Office of its utility as a training tool and the receptivity of trainees to the material will be selected to receive a pre-release copy of the diskette for testing purposes. Requests for a copy of the diskette should be submitted to: Justice Programs Office, School of Public Affairs, American University by email to: Justice@american.edu. Requestors should provide their name, title, agency, contact information and description of the context in which they plan to pilot test the diskette.

The contents of the training diskette are listed on the following page.
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3. Essential Elements of Criminal Caseflow Management:
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   - Judicial Supervision .... Maureen Solomon & Judge Jeffrey Coker
   - Controlling Continuances .... Maureen Solomon & Judge Jeffrey Coker
4. Overall Goals for Establishing a Criminal Caseflow Management System .... Maureen Solomon & Judge Jeffrey Coker
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Section Two: Caseflow Management Principles in the Courtroom

[Courtroom scenarios produced in conjunction with the National Judicial College, University of Nevada, Reno. Commentator: Hon. William Dressel, President, NJC]

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Section Three: Resource Document Discussion .... Maureen Solomon

1. Improving Criminal Caseflow (2008)

Copies of each of the above resource documents will be provided to the judicial education offices participating in the pilot field review.