Improving Criminal Caseflow in the Missouri Circuit Courts

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AGENDA

8:30   Introductions

8:40   Providing Technical Assistance To Promote Caseflow Improvement:
       Preliminary Considerations

9:00   Caseflow Management: Where are we now and how did we get here
       - Where Are We Now And How Did We Get Here?
       - Missouri Time Standards
       - Model Time Standards
       - Missouri Court Rule 17
       - Technical Assistance Report Recommendations
       - Importance of accurate useful data

9:30   Why Case Flow Management (selling it to the stakeholders)
       - Cases take less time to get resolved
       - Judges are more efficient and satisfied because less time is wasted
       - Attorneys like predictability and certainty
       - Justice is better served with expedient resolution of cases

10:00  How is a Case Flow System Created?
       - Cooperative process
       - Created considering local resources
       - Recognizing that the system is interrelated with other stakeholders
AGENDA (cont.)

10:15 Break (15 minutes)

10:30 What Does a Case Flow System look like? How does it work?
   - Importance of Judicial leadership
   - Role of the Judge
   - Role of the Attorneys and other stakeholders
   - Essentials of a good Case Flow System
   - Creating the expectation of compliance
   - Dealing with non-compliance
   - Identifying and dealing with a backlog
   - Quality review

12:00: Next steps/Questions and answers