
ACCESS AND FAIRNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

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PURPOSE

Examine access to and fairness in the justice system. Ensure that the Judiciary's programs and services are administered in a fair and equitable manner.

FIVE KEY PRIORITY AREAS:

- Access to counsel
 - Compiling and analyzing data on representation rates in civil cases in both trial courts
 - Problem-solving courts
 - Surveyed judges and magistrates to determine interest in establishing additional problem-solving courts
 - Exploring recommendations that will support the growth of problem-solving courts, with an emphasis on mental health courts
 - Accessibility to the courts
 - Surveyed judges and magistrates to determine awareness of existing resources
 - determined the need for stronger internal communication regarding existence and best use of resources
 - Exploring how to promote disability inclusion
 - Youth
 - Researching current efforts regarding:
 - rehabilitative services for emerging adults (18-25 years old)
 - expanding the age of juvenile jurisdiction
 - Accountability
 - Exploring ways to promote a culture of accountability within the Judiciary
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