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NACM, through its Publications Committee, is seeking to further improve the quality of *The Court Manager* and the *Court Communiqué* and provide valuable services to our members. Your input is vital to this process. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions on the enclosed survey, if you did not have the opportunity to do so at the D.C. annual conference.

Return surveys to: National Association for Court Management, c/o NCSC, 300 Newport Ave., Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147, Attention: Administrative Services.

You may also complete the survey electronically on the NACM Web site at: www.nacmnet.org. Thank you!



ATTENTION SPANS

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People are multi-tasking themselves silly. The “information age” has duped us into believing we are more productive because we are juggling all kinds of information coming at us. As a result, we end up with our brains shorting out – literally “blinking out” on us by shutting out any stimuli. Our brains are designed to handle only a few tasks at once, not 50.

The Attention Economy, published by Harvard Business School Press, offers strategies for managing what gets our attention and what we should leave behind: (a) accept the notion that you can’t stay on top of everything; (b) prioritizing really matters – start

each day with a clear plan; (c) keep an eye on the big picture – jettison tasks that don’t fit into your grand scheme; (d) focus on the task in front of you and put all others aside. ◆

*I dream things that never were,
and I say “Why not?”*

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A Word From Your Editor:

The NACM Publications Committee and Board of Directors will be busy in the coming months analyzing the information you provide on the survey in this issue. We want the publications and the Web site to be valuable tools in communicating NACM updates, as well as in providing you with current court events, trends, and information.

On a personal note, I will now be editing the *Court Communiqué* from California! Please jot down my new address to send articles and updates for future issues. Your input, feedback, interests, and information is valued and very important.

Faxes and mail are also always welcomed.

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If you have forgotten your login password for the "Members Only" site or experience login difficulty, simply notify NACM via e-mail by selecting nacm@ncsc.dni.us. ♦

With DEEPEST Sympathy

It is with deep regret that we write of the passing of Gordon Allison. A long-time court administrator of this country passed away on May 7. Gordon had been retired from the court world for some time and was well known for his early-on role of obtaining the Maricopa County Court innovation reputation. He will be missed. ♦

NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS Web site!

What's new in the Court Information Database found on the National Center for State Courts Web site <<http://www.ncsconline.org/WCDS/index.htm>> ?

- **The Jury Trial Innovation State Links**
<http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_JurInnStatesPub.pdf> offers state-by-state information and links to reports from jury improvement commissions. Created by NCSC's Jury Community of Practice in conjunction with our Center for Jury Studies <<http://www.ncsconline.org/Juries/index.html>>, this resource is the only one of its kind.
- **The Elder Abuse Resource Guide**
<http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_EldAbuResGdePub.pdf> contains best practices, resources for courts, links to legislation, articles, and more.
- **State Links to Drug Courts**
This link, <http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_DrgCtStatesResPub.pdf>, makes FAQs, news, and program information to more than 50 adult and juvenile drug courts in 42 states just a click away. ♦



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE COURT MANAGERS

The Iowa Supreme Court has appointed **David K. Boyd** to state court administrator. David replaced William J. O'Brien, who retired recently after serving as state court administrator for nearly 30 years. Boyd had been serving as deputy state court administrator since 1984, and prior to that he was district court administrator for the Third Judicial District of Iowa for seven years. ♦

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2003 NACM Publications Committee Survey

How long have you been a NACM member?

_____ Years

Do you regularly read *The Court Manager*? (choose one)

Yes No

Please rate the quality of *The Court Manager*. (choose one)

Excellent Good Fair Poor

What content, article, feature, or column in 2002 or recent issues did you find of particular interest? (please indicate)

What improvements would you suggest? (please indicate and be specific)

Do you regularly read the *Court Communiqué*? (choose one)

Yes No

Please rate the quality of the *Court Communiqué*.
(choose one)

Excellent Good Fair Poor

What improvements would you suggest? (please indicate and be specific)

Describe your use of the NACM Web site (*www.nacmnet.org*): (choose one)

Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally Irregularly Never

What information would you like to see included in the NACM Web site: (indicate)

Indicate the methods you would like to receive NACM publications in the future: (Choose all that apply—answers will be used for future publication development.)

Hard copy – mailed to me
For which publications (indicate):

Electronic copy via accessing the NACM Web site
For which publications (indicate):

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For which publications (indicate):

Other – please indicate:

Indicate items you would access via the Web: (choose all that apply)

- The Court Manager*
 - Entire publication
 - Selected articles
 - Index – Table of Contents
 - One article chosen by Editor or Editorial Board
- Court Communiqué*
- NACM Mini-Guides
- NACM *The Court Administrator – A Manual*
- NACM Conference Materials – pre-conference
- NACM Conference Materials – post-conference
- Other (*indicate*):

Please indicate any additional suggestions or improvements regarding NACM publications or our Web site:

Indicate your court/employment level:

Court Level

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| _____ Federal | _____ Tribal | _____ State |
| _____ County | _____ Municipal | _____ Other |

Jurisdiction

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| _____ Appellate | _____ General | _____ Limited |
| _____ Special | _____ Other | |

Position

- | | |
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| _____ Judge | _____ Court Administrator |
| _____ Clerk of Court | _____ State Administrative Office |
| _____ Consultant | _____ Educator |
| _____ Court Staff (<i>indicate title</i>) | _____ |
| _____ Other | |

Please return survey by Aug. 31, 2003 to: **National Association for Court Management**
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E-GOVERNMENT ACT

SOURCE: FEDERAL COURT MANAGEMENT REPORT, MARCH 2003

The E-Government Act of 2002, signed into law last December as P.L. 107-347, may not require significant judiciary changes since many of the law's requirements already have been met by federal courts.

For example, the law requires each federal court to establish and maintain a public Web site by April 2005, which virtually all courts do already. The law requires that courts post existing local and individual rules. The Judicial Conference was ahead of the legislation when, in 2000, it voted to encourage federal courts to post local rules on their Web sites.

The law also imposes requirements which take effect in 2007 concerning access to documents in electronic form and court opinions, which many courts already provide through Case Management/Electronic Case Files systems and the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) program. Questions about the law's requirements should be directed to the AO court administration division. Questions about the CM/ECF project or PACER can be directed to Mary Stickney, Electronic Public Access Program chief, at (202) 502-1500. ♦

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of 4/30/03, NACM membership was 2,382 strong. If you enjoy the benefits of NACM and have not renewed your membership, please do so. If you know of someone who would enjoy the benefits, recommend a new member today! Regular membership in NACM is open to anyone serving in any court management, consulting, educational, or research capacity. Additional membership categories include associate, student, honorary, retired, and sustaining members.

Remember! You get one year of free membership dues for bringing in 10 new members! You can obtain more membership information by contacting NACM c/o National Center for State Courts, 300 Newport Ave., Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147 or call (757) 259-1841. You can also visit the NACM Web site at www.nacmnet.org. ♦

Did you know? SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, is AMERICA'S MOST HAUNTED CITY – NACM'S 2004 MIDYEAR CONFERENCE will be held in SAVANNAH. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A HAUNTED TOUR AS A SOCIAL EVENT?

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