



National Association for Court Management
Strengthening Court Professionals

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Usage of Plain Language in all Courts

WHEREAS, for over 40 years the National Association for Court Management (NACM) has been a pioneer in the administration of justice and has long recognized the value and significance of access to justice for all people who come before our courts; and

WHEREAS, NACM is keenly aware that legal terminology and court processes may prove difficult for court customers to understand and successfully navigate when doing business with the courts; and

WHEREAS, NACM, in collaboration with the Self-Represented Litigation Network, presented and recorded a webinar on plain language for judicial officers and other court professionals to increase awareness of plain language writing principles and initiatives and to enhance access to our courts through better comprehension, and

WHEREAS, NACM produced a Plain Language Guide as a training manual for court administrators and staff to employ in their court; and

WHEREAS NACM has presented seminars at its conferences on the importance of using plain language writing principles to ensure all court materials are comprehensible to court consumers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Court Management will continue to place access to justice and comprehension of the court environment as of utmost importance to its membership and court officers throughout the nation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACM will continue to provide programs at its conferences and make available to its members training materials and guides designed to assist courts to create an environment that is accessible and comprehensible to all people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACM urges its members to support and encourage the use of plain language writing principles in their courts.

***Adapted from [Resolution 5 from the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators adopted on July 31, 2019](#).**

On October 25, 2019 the NACM Board voted to adopt this resolution.