



National Association for Court Management
Strengthening Court Professionals

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Commitment to Increasing the Public's Trust in Our Courts

WHEREAS, the National Association for Court Management (NACM) is an organization dedicated to improving court management through educational programming, networking opportunities, and strategic planning for the future; and

WHEREAS, NACM has a duty to help chart a course for judicial systems and trial courts; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts 2018 survey of the public's trust and confidence in state courts reveals an increase in the level of confidence yet it bears out that segments of the population continue to have concerns of bias, inefficiency and a justice system that favors those with financial means; and

WHEREAS, NACM recognizes the need to educate our communities as to the business of our courts regarding people and processes, and how courts are committed to administer justice in a fair, impartial, expedient and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, NACM has produced educational tools for court managers including a set of core professional competencies, instructional guides, webinars, and podcasts in the interest of increasing efficiency, effectiveness, and access to justice for our court communities and thereby increasing the community's confidence;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NACM will commit itself to continue to seek input from communities regarding the courts' relationship with the citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACM will continue to equip and engage its members to address the needs of individuals and communities while recognizing the importance of accountability and independence from any outside influence regarding decisions on the rule of law by providing quality-driven and efficiently delivered court services that will enhance the public's perception of their courts and increase its trust and confidence therein.

The NACM Board of Directors voted for approval of this resolution at its June 4, 2019 meeting.