**Court Leader’s Advantage Video Podcast Questions**

**Time Marker Sheet**

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| 1. minutes   38 seconds | Several court administrators implied that their courts were divided on how to deal with homelessness in their city. Were there discussions in your court over how to deal with homelessness? If so, what were the arguments? |
| 7 minutes  55 seconds | How is your court addressing homelessness? |
| 15 minutes  44 seconds | Much of the public is frightened of the homeless. There are numerous stories of homeless individuals attacking people although statistically the homeless are more likely to be victims of crime than perpetrators. Should courts assertively discuss the realities of homeless crisis with the public? |
| 20 minutes  37 seconds | Homeless treatment courts are one way that we respond to this crisis. One criticism has been that homeless courts are usually selective in who they admit. For example, one court’s admission criteria includes, 1) no history of violence and 2) a solid commitment to return to being a contributing member of the community. This excludes some of the very people who are most deeply entrenched in homelessness and are quite possibly the very ones the general public is most afraid of. We also know that unless one of these folks commits violent felony the criminal process will likely jail them for a couple of weeks or months and then release them back to the community in a revolving door. If we are going to comprehensively respond to homelessness, how do we address these entrenched individuals – the ones homeless courts often avoid? |
| 24 minutes  50 seconds | It appears that systemically managing the homeless crisis will cost a lot of money. Creating a truly effective community mental health network, low-cost housing on a wide-spread basis, and extensive employment counseling are all going to be expensive. Do you think the community has an appetite for this kind of expenditure? |
| 30 minutes  22 seconds | If we are trying to reintegrate the homeless back into the community, shouldn’t we include recidivism in our trial court statistical performance measures? |
| 34 minutes  19 seconds | What advice do you have for those tuning into today’s episode? |