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

**Time Marker Sheet**

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| 3 minutes  29 seconds | We currently collect enough court performance data from general jurisdiction courts nationally for researchers to say that they have a fairly representative sample of court performance (filings, terminations, case age at disposition); the same cannot be said of local courts.  Peter Drucker once said that you cannot manage what you cannot count. How problematic is this lack of national statistical data and what can be done about it? What should be done about it? |
| 5 minutes  54 seconds | Many local courts are at the forefront of administrating restorative justice through a variety of problem-solving courts. Can the problem-solving court model scale up nationally? |
| 11 minutes  8 seconds | The 2015 U.S. Department of Justice investigation of Ferguson Missouri revealed that the revenue from local courts substantially contribute to the income of many municipalities. This is a powerful incentive for cities to pressure local courts to increase financial judgments levied on defendants. How widespread do you think this pressure is? How serious is this situation? How can it be curbed? |
| 19 minutes  20 seconds | Sentencings are often where this pressure to increase revenue is most obvious. Imposing sentences that include not only fines but surcharges for activities such as establishing a time payment schedule, visiting with one’s probation officer, taking a drug test, or attending traffic school can result in defendants owing some serious money. Can these fees be regulated? Should they be regulated? |
| 23 minutes  54 seconds | There are states that have mandatory fees that cannot be waived. Does the State of Washington have such fees? |
| 25 minutes  51 seconds | What is one takeaway that you want folks tuning into this episode to come away with? |