JMI REPORT

National Leading Trial Court Consultant

2007-2008: Studied Court, DAJD, Prosecuting Attorney, OPD, Defender Agencies

Key Findings:

Core institutions are sound, have strong leadership, demonstrate mutual respect

Broad commitment to fairness

Jail population relatively low on per capita basis

Felony Case processing is too slow e.g., <u>median</u> time to trial in SAU case is <u>over 395 days</u>

Court fails to manage the process

Interim hearing are repeatedly continued and are meaningless

Caseflow Work Group Goals:

Meet State resolution standards: 95 - 98% resolved within 6 months

Court manages cases

Court uses differentiated case management

Parties required to devote more resources at beginning of case to resolve more efficiently

Additionally:

Court is expediting sentencing and probation hearings