

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 2

In Support of Updating the National Database on Judicial Diversity in State Courts

WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) have long been committed to access to justice for all through improvements in all aspects of the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, CCJ and COSCA's Access to and Fairness in the Courts Committee encourages state courts to engage in outreach to increase access to justice and share strategies and information among jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the ABA's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, in collaboration with the National Center for State Courts, is in the process of updating the National Database on Judicial Diversity in State Courts; and

WHEREAS, this database, which was last updated in 2003, captures key elements of judicial diversity in state appellate, trial and limited jurisdiction courts; and

WHEREAS, this survey will examine factors such as race/ethnicity, gender, methods of judicial selection, state population variables and progress made on the diversity issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CCJ and COSCA support the work of the ABA's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence and the National Center for State Courts and urge the state court community to report data to them in a prompt and timely manner.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Access to and Fairness in the Courts Committee at the 58th Annual Meeting on August 2, 2006.