



## **National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers**

### **Resolution 1**

#### **In Support of A National Task Force on Court Fines and Fees**

**WHEREAS**, the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) have formed a Task Force to address the ongoing issue of court fines and fees on communities across the United States, including the those who are indigent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has been engaged in research, discussions and data assembly since November 2015, in partnership with the State Justice Institute and with the assistance of the National Center for State Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force will...

- A. Draft model statutes, court rules, written policies, processes and procedures for setting, collecting and waiving court-imposed monetary obligations;
- B. Compile and create best practices for setting, processing and codifying the collection of fines and fees;
- C. Review and revise guidelines for selection, tenure and oversight of judicial officers in limited jurisdiction courts such as traffic courts, municipal courts and magistrate courts created by local governmental entities, including reviewing and updating state codes of judicial conduct and the jurisdiction of judicial conduct commissions to ensure applicability to all judges;
- D. Identify the need for mandatory judicial education and training; and sponsor a court “hackathon” designed to develop innovative technological solutions that ensure courts are providing 21<sup>st</sup> century customer service through mobile applications and software platforms; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers is dedicated to improving the leadership, governance, operations and integrity of all state and local trial courts;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers endorses and supports the work of the National Task Force on Court Fines and Fees and encourages all state and local trial court leaders to review, embrace and institute the final recommendations of the Task Force as adopted by the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators.

*ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at their September 28, 2016, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.*