



National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers

Resolution 4

In Support of

A Joint NCSC | NAPCO Initiative to Update the Monograph entitled “Key Elements of an Effective Rule of Court on the Role of the Presiding Judge in Trial Courts”

WHEREAS, in April 2005, the National Center for State Courts hosted a meeting of presiding judges, court administrators, educators, and researchers from 13 different states at a special forum on *Strengthening Court Management by Strengthening the Presiding Judge / Court Executive Team*; and

WHEREAS, a monograph entitled *Key Elements of an Effective Rule of Court on the Role of the Presiding Judge in the Trial Courts* resulted from the discussions in April 2005, the purpose being to provide a basis from which judicial councils, state Supreme Courts, chief justices, state court administrators, presiding/chief/administrative judges, and court executives could work to strengthen the effectiveness of the executive team in American trial courts through the prospective elements of a state or local level rule of court; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to define the most effective approach toward the role, authority and responsibilities of a trial court administrative judge for all courts, in all places, at all times, it is feasible to identify workable management and governance frameworks and principles that enhance the ability of judicial and court leaders to more effectively plan, manage, organize, monitor, and supervise trial court operations; 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 a joint NCSC | NAPCO initiative to update and promote the monograph entitled *Key Elements of an Effective Rule of Court on the Role of the Presiding Judge in Trial Courts* and encourages the acquisition of a grant to assist in supporting such a project.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at their September 27, 2017, meeting in Phoenix, AZ.