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A Professional Association  
of Leadership Judges, Chief Executives,  
and Court Leadership Teams  
Dedicated to Improving and Leading  
the Nation's State and Local Trial Courts

**Membership Information**

## The National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO)

NAPCO is an independent, nonprofit education and research organization of administrative leadership judges and court executives in state and local trial courts.

NAPCO's predecessor organization, the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, was created in 1963 through the impetus of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Tom C. Clark and a small group of chief judges and court administrators. Reducing trial court delay and improving court operations was a major thrust. Many of the caseload standards and performance guidelines today were generated through the work of the Conference in conjunction with the American Bar Association. Case processing remains a major direction.

NAPCO is the only national organization exclusively serving trial court chief administrative judges, court executives and their leadership teams. It is committed to enhancing the effective management of trial courts; modernizing adjudication and business processes; streamlining performance; advancing the Rule of Law; and promoting judicial independence and accountability. Each year the Association assembles for a 3-4 day Leadership Academy and Conference. In 2024, Denver, CO will be the site of this annual event August 25-28. In 2025, the Conference will be in Seattle, WA. Dates and a specific location are yet to be determined.

## An Invitation to Join

Membership in the National Association for Presiding Judges and Chief Executive Officers is open to chief, presiding, administrative, and leadership judges, court executives and others interested in improving state and local trial courts. The cost is nominal. Particular emphasis is placed on top court leadership teams in trial courts and what they need to know and do together to improve the administration of justice.

### Benefits

- ✓ Network with professionals regarding ideas, programs and solutions to trial court problems;
- ✓ Learn about innovations, trends and new approaches at annual conferences, educational events, and webinars that help foster high performing courts;
- ✓ Obtain surveys and research on topics of special interest to court professionals provided by the National Center for State Courts and other court improvement organizations;
- ✓ Participate in team-building programs for leadership judges and court executives on Leadership Academy Day during the Annual Conference;
- ✓ Attend special national trial court workshops, seminars and webinars targeting leadership skills;
- ✓ Liaison with other national court improvement organizations on policies and projects important to trial courts and justice systems;
- ✓ Stay up-to-date on state trial court reforms that are replicable and proven to produce results; and
- ✓ Collaborate with the Conferences of Chief Justices and State Court Administrators.



**Over 100 million cases are filed annually in state and local U.S. trial courts.**  
Source: National Center for State Courts.

## Membership Choices

### Option 1: Active Member

Annual dues of \$150 per member for a current or former chief presiding or administrative judge, a current or former court executive, members of a court leadership team and others wishing to be active members.

### Option 2: Court System Member

Annual dues of \$700 for a trial court provides 5 memberships, one of whom may be the top administrative judge, one an associate or assistant chief or presiding judge, one the court executive, and any two additional court leaders desired by the court. A savings of \$50.00. Also, with a court system membership, the membership is attached to the position, not the person and therefore is transferable.

### Option 3: Retired Member

Annual dues of \$125 per member for former active members who have retired from their positions as a full-time judge or court executive officer.

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