

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 25

In Support of Working with the ABA's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants

WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) have long been committed to both access to justice for all and building public trust and confidence in the judiciary through improvements to 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, CCJ and COSCA's Public Trust and Confidence in the Judiciary Committee is charged with improving meaningful access to court services; and

WHEREAS, the ABA's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID) proposes to work jointly with the Conferences to enhance the foregoing efforts through education programs and assistance to individual states in their efforts to increase access to justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CCJ and COSCA accept the offer to work with SCLAID and look forward, together, to significantly increasing access to justice for all.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Access to and Fairness in the Courts Committee and the CCJ/COSCA Public Trust and Confidence in the Judiciary Committee at the 56th Annual Meeting on July 29, 2004.