

### Community Input Survey

1. How familiar are you with the court? *Please circle one*

Very familiar                  Somewhat familiar                  Slightly familiar                  Not at all familiar

2. In the past 4 years, have you participated in a court case as a witness, juror, plaintiff, defendant, or attorney; or have you been in the courthouse to conduct some other business or to observe a proceeding? (*Circle as many that apply*)

Witness	Attorney	Observe a proceeding
Juror	Court Employee	No Contact with the Court
Plaintiff/Defendant	On other business	

3. Have you ever wanted to take something before the court but didn't?

Yes                  No (*if no skip to Question 4*)

A. What type of case did you have?

B. Why didn't you go to court?

4. A. Have you participated in any action in the court?

C. Do you think court proceedings are easy to understand and follow?

D. Why or why not?

E. Would you feel safe going to the courthouse?

5. A. Is the court independent and separate from the other branches of government?

B. Are the services provided by the court reliable?

C. Is the justice system and the judge independent and accountable?

6. A. Do you think the court handles cases within a reasonable amount of time?

B. Do you think the court follows the law in performing its duties?

C. Is the court personnel courteous?

D. Do you think the court treats all people fairly and has integrity?

7. Do you think the court attempts to meet the special needs of people with physical or mental disabilities?
8. Is the court responsive to community needs?
9. Are you aware of any traditional or alternative dispute mechanisms that are utilized by the court? If yes, please describe.
10. Any thoughts on how quickly the court disburses restitution?
11. A. Do you know about the court rules and procedures?
  - B. Are the rules and procedures helpful to resolving matters before the judge?
  - C. Are these rules and procedures easy to understand or complicated?
  - D. Do you think court decisions are easy to understand?
  - E. Do you think the court's decisions are enforced?
12. A. Are you aware of the Schedule of Fees?
  - B. Think now of the cost of taking something to court. Do you think the filing charges and other fees paid to the court are reasonable?
  - C. Do you think the court has adequate resources to do its job?
  - D. Are there any other reasons that would prevent you from going to court?
13. A. Do you think the court provides enough information about its procedures and services? If so, how?
  - B. Do you think the court responds to requests for information in a reasonable time?
  - C. Do you think the court works well with other components of the justice system (e.g., the police, attorneys, probation officers, social workers and so forth?)
14. Once a decision is made by the court can it be appealed?
15. Anything else you would like for us to know about the court?

**Return the completed survey to:**

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