

WELCOME TO THE *JOURNAL OF COURT INNOVATION*

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In New York, we are constantly seeking new ways to enhance our operations. Signs of this commitment can be seen throughout the New York court system, from reforms in jury service to improvements in how judges handle everything from petty crime to complex commercial cases.

In your hands is a publication I've long been hoping for, aimed at promoting new thinking in state courts. We have so much to learn from one another!

The *Journal of Court Innovation* is a collaboration of the New York State Judicial Institute, the Center for Court Innovation and Pace Law School. Its mission is to bridge the worlds of theory and practice. It therefore does not seek to expound on new legal theories or explore arcane areas of the law (worthy as those pursuits are). Rather the *Journal* is written for those on the front lines of the justice system: court administrators, judges, lawyers, scholars, non-profit executives, legislative and executive branch officials—basically anyone working to improve the court system or the administration of justice.

Although this is our first issue, and the *Journal* will need to prove itself over time, I am confident that it will become an important resource—promoting innovation, sparking new thinking and helping our courts to achieve the best outcomes for the citizens we serve.

It's my hope that you will enjoy this inaugural issue, and that you will want to be part of our conversation about improving the justice system. How can you contribute? There are countless ways, among them daring to tackle difficult problems, asking tough questions, starting new programs, developing partnerships, even submitting an article for publication in this journal.

We look forward to hearing from you.