

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2019 Performance Report

DISTRICT COURTS

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide a fair and impartial judicial system.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

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GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.

Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? If so, please provide a detailed listing of the subgroups and their areas of focus.

The Judiciary is the third branch of government, headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. See attached outline of the Oklahoma Judicial system.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Please provide copies of the minutes for any Commission/Board meetings the agency has had since July 1, 2010 in electronic format (Only in PDF format) Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

N/A

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2010. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

Modernization of the District Courts is a function of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is in the process of implementing a statewide unified case management system which will encompass many areas of modernization, including docket management, statistical reporting, jury management, a unified accounting system for tracking budgets

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and managing expenses, e-filing, e-commerce, and information-sharing with law enforcement, district attorneys and other partner agencies.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

None

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states? Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

No