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from the National Symposium on Court Management held October 27-28, 2010. The first of these periodic symposia was convened in 1981. The 2010 gathering focused on managing courts in times of budget challenge, discussing key questions like: What are the essential functions of courts? How can courts best organize themselves to achieve those functions?

Several of the presentations would be of interest to most judges, and many would be of interest to judges who have administrative responsibilities:

- Dr. John Martin of the Center for Public Policy Studies in Boulder, Colorado, addressed trends that are shaping the state courts from 2000 to 2020.
- Dan Hall, vice president of the National Center for State Courts, reviewed the key principles of judicial administration that should guide presiding judges, trial-court administrators, and state-court administrators.
- Administrators and judges from Arizona, Minnesota, and Vermont explained changes that are being made to “reengineer” the delivery of justice in rural, suburban, and urban settings.
- Chief justices or state-court administrators from Ohio, Texas, and Utah, as well as court administrators and presiding judges from five other states, discussed a new set of principles for court governance.

All of the presentations, along with papers and some PowerPoint slides, are available on the web. Also included on the website are the results of a survey of 1,766 members of 11 national organizations—including the American Judges Association—regarding the well-being and growth of the state courts. Take a look to see what folks like us had to say about how courts should be governed, how well courts are doing, and what the future holds for us.