

COMMISSION SURVEY ANALYSIS FOR LAMOILLE COUNTY

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- 1. Are there court services or administrative activities currently performed at the county level that could be performed either regionally, centrally, or electronically to improve the efficiency or cost-effectiveness of court operations?**

Responses:

1 Maintain Pacer and CDF system as in federal court and allow electronic filings by attorneys as in federal court.

- 2. Is there technology that could be introduced into the court system that would make judicial operations more cost-effective or improve access to the court system, while at the same time maintaining the quality of justice services?**

Responses:

1 Maintain Pacer and CDF system as in federal court and allow electronic filings by attorneys as in federal court.

- 3. What can be done to allow more flexibility in the use of judicial resources (people, facilities, dollars), particularly as workloads and funding levels increase and decrease?**

Responses:

1 Get rid of side judges or use them for small claims, arraignments or relief from abuse hearings.

- 4. Are there ways in which the types of cases heard in our various courts (superior, district, family, environmental probate, judicial bureau) could be reallocated in a way that would increase the effectiveness of judicial operations or improve court efficiency?**

Responses:

1 Relief from abuse hearings, arraignments and small claims should be heard by a magistrate, an attorney as acting judge or side judge.

- 5. Please suggest other ideas that would enhance the efficient and effective delivery of judicial services to Vermonters.**

Responses:

- 1 Judges and justices should be required to render decisions in less than 90 days.
Increase small claims jurisdictional amount to \$10,000.