



**CJIPP:  
CIVIL JUSTICE  
INITIATIVE PILOT  
PROJECT**

# DATA GROUPS

## CONTROL GROUP PROFILE



15 Judicial Sections



22,000 Total Cases



1,467 Average Cases  
Per Judicial Section

## CJIPP PROFILE



4 Judicial Sections



5,868 Total Cases



1,467 Average Cases  
Per Judicial Section

**Table 2. Initial pathway assignments for all study cases.\***

	Pathway Assignment			
	Streamlined	Standard	Complex	Varies
Baseline	85.6%	6.4%	3.3%	4.8%
CJIPP	85.9%	6.0%	3.0%	5.0%
All Cases	85.6%	6.3%	3.2%	4.8%

\*No significant differences between groups.

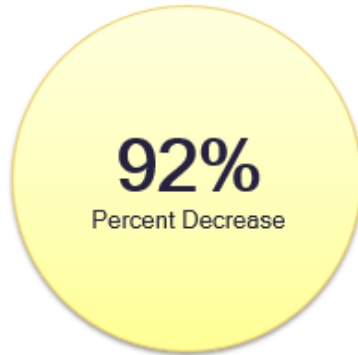
**All case types:**

**CJIPP cases closure rate: 56.2%,  
higher percentage of contested**

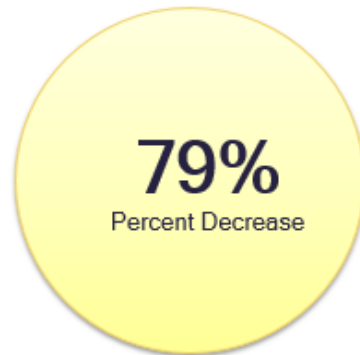
**Control cases closure rate: 40.7%**

### Pending Caseload: Cases within Time Standards

CJIPP	
	Average Number of Cases
Start of Project:	1,467
Current:	123



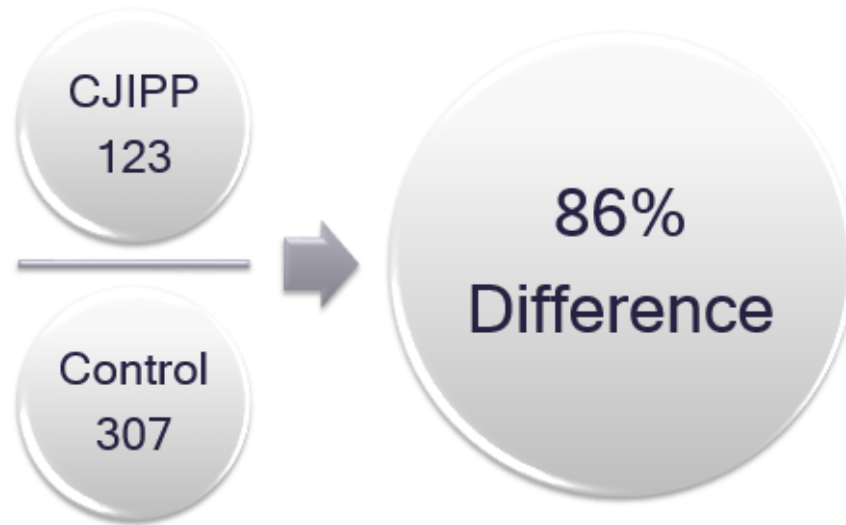
CONTROL GROUP	
	Average Number of Cases
Start of Project	1,467
Current:	307



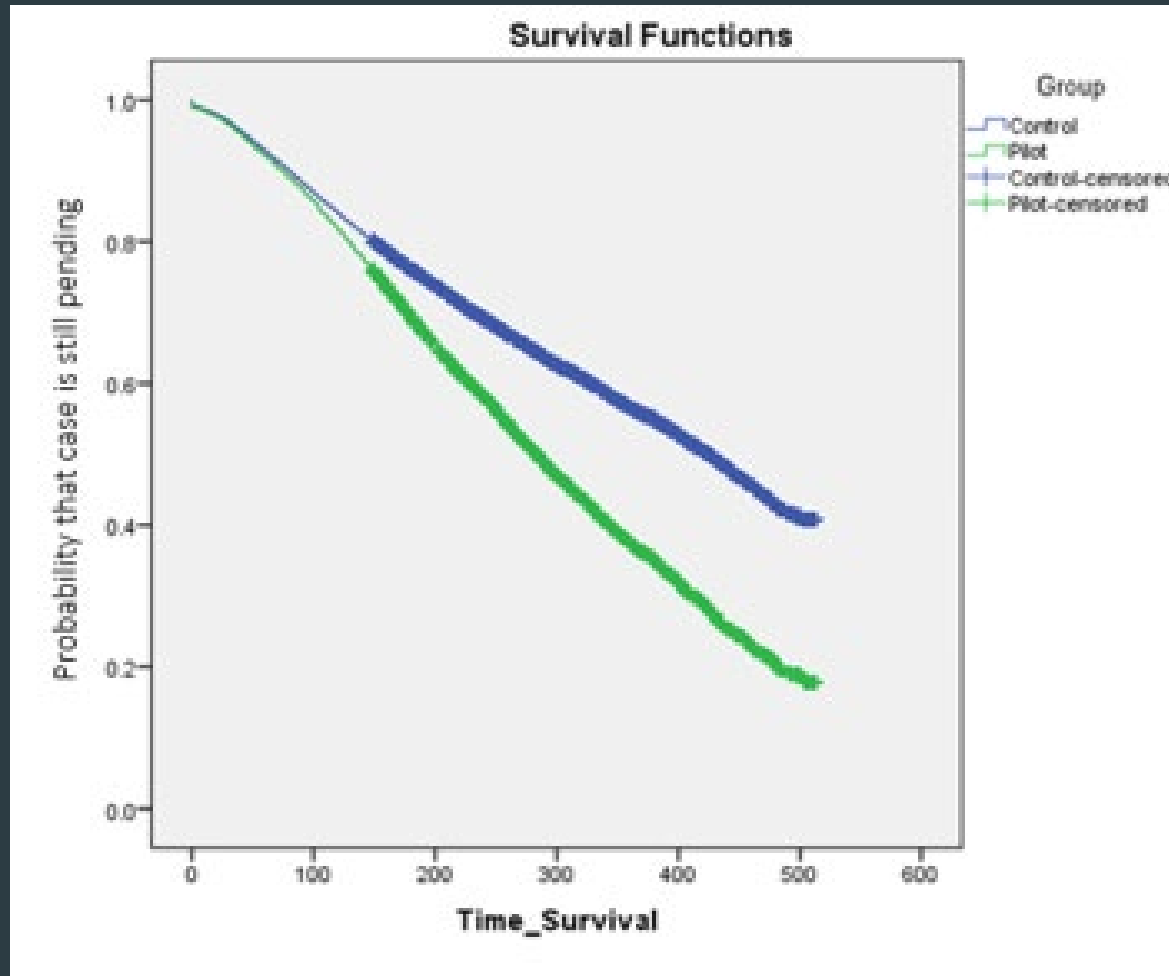
Pending Caseload: Cases within Time Standards

CJIPP	
Total Number of Cases	492
<b>Average Number of Cases</b>	<b>123</b>

CONTROL GROUP	
Total Number of Cases	4,601
<b>Average Number of Cases</b>	<b>307</b>



- 50% CJIPP cases: closed at 9 months v. control: 14 months <5 months>
- 50% uncontested CJIPP cases: 6 months v. Control: 11 months <5 months>



# What we did:

**1. Restructure organization:** who is doing what?

**1. Develop comprehensive case plans:**  
deadlines and form orders—firm but reasonable

**2. Implement:** change staff use, track case progress and results



# Why don't judges case manage?

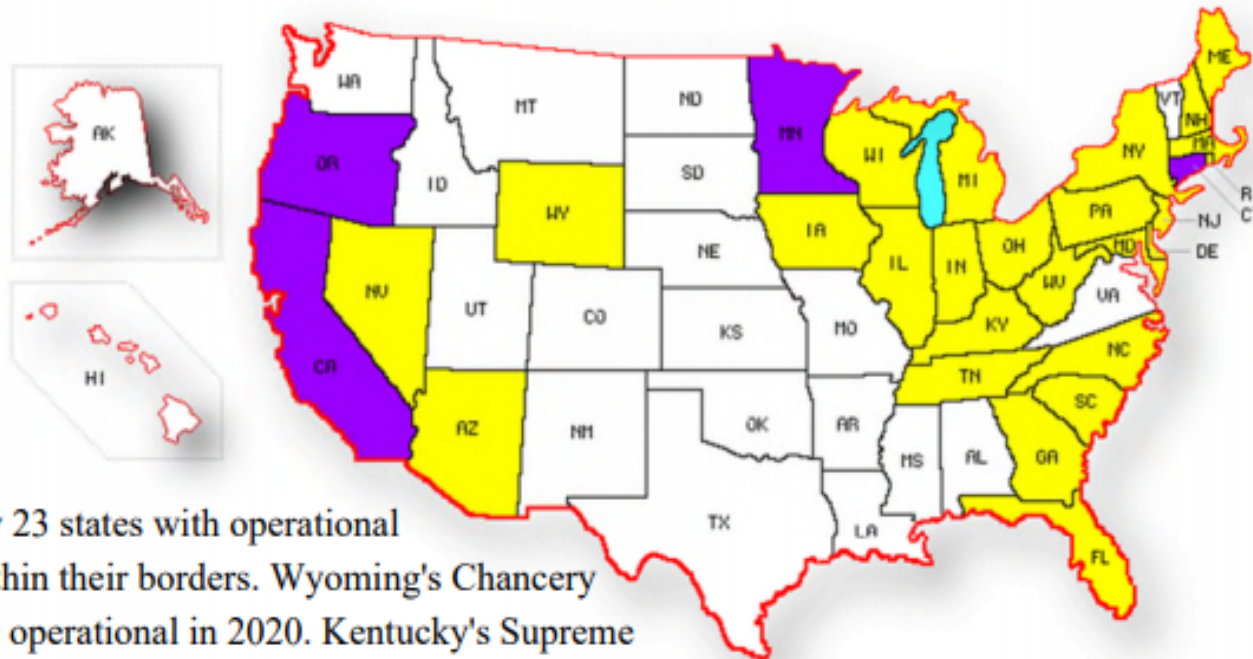
- ▶ Lack of definition, or misunderstanding, of case management
- ▶ Lack of support: time, staff and technology
- ▶ Institutional inertia: “Local Court Culture”
  
- ▶ Cross-incentives: elections, bar polls/popularity, attorneys fees, ambition
- ▶ Judicial independence/not my job
- ▶ Lack of awareness of case management

## What we learned:

- ▶ Setting behavioral expectations make a big difference without much effort
- ▶ Consistency across sections makes a difference
- ▶ It is a heavy lift to get judicial consistency, but well worth it
- ▶ Lawyers squawked but adjusted quickly and liked it
- ▶ Client involvement should be used judiciously
- ▶ Oh—Like Federal Court! Taking the politics out

# BUSINESS AND COMPLEX LITIGATION COURTS (May 2019)

- - Business Courts
- - Complex Litigation



There are currently 23 states with operational business courts within their borders. Wyoming's Chancery Court is to become operational in 2020. Kentucky's Supreme Court established a new business docket pilot program in the Jefferson County Circuit Court (Louisville), which is not yet operational. There are at least 4 other states with complex litigation programs, which states do not have specialized business courts within their borders as well. Some jurisdictions have both business and complex litigation court programs, e.g., in Phoenix, Pittsburgh, and Ft. Lauderdale. (c) Lee Applebaum 2019



## Conference of Chief Justices Report and Recommendations

In July 2016, CCJ and COSCA adopted a resolution endorsing the Report and Recommendation of its Civil Justice Improvements Committee.



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## Implementation Tools

Under the direction of the CJJ Steering Committee, the NCSC and IAALS developed an Implementation Plan to provide education, technical assistance, and practical tools to help courts.

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## Best of the Best Civil Justice Resources

Resources are listed by topic, such as: complex litigation, discovery and e-discovery, jury trials, pleadings, etc.

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## Events and News

Upcoming education and training events are available, as well as the CJJ Newsletter.

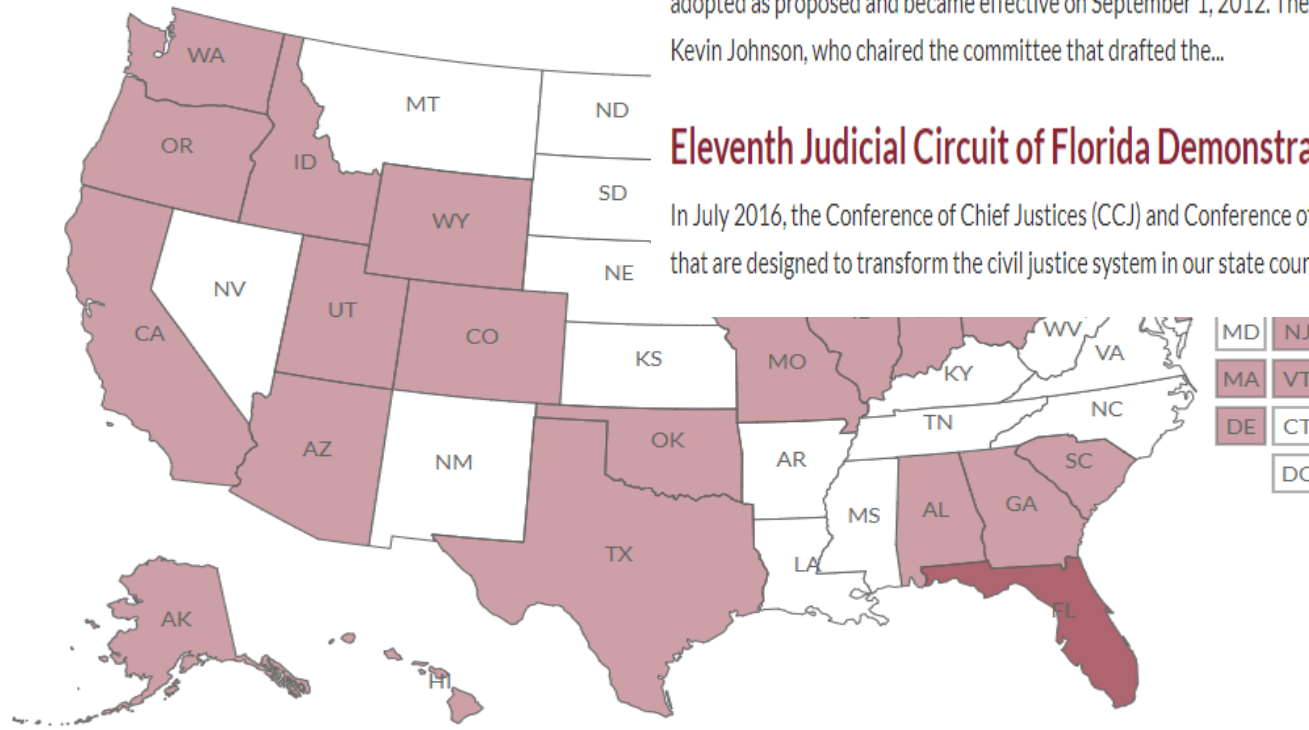
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# Action on the Ground

The Action on the Ground map provides a visual representation of the various pilot projects and rules reform efforts around the country.

Project Type

State ▼



## Florida: Rules of Civil Procedure Addressing Electronic Discovery

The Florida Supreme Court has adopted amendments to its Rules of Civil Procedure addressing electronically stored information (ESI). The amendments were adopted as proposed and became effective on September 1, 2012. The new amendments bring "Florida's rules into the 21st century," according to Tampa attorney Kevin Johnson, who chaired the committee that drafted the...

## Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Demonstration Pilot Project

In July 2016, the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) approved a Resolution endorsing 13 recommendations that are designed to transform the civil justice system in our state courts to...