



## ***Presidents' Message***

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A commitment to partnerships has been an abiding feature of the National Association for Court Management's (NACM) work over the last several years. Nowhere has this been more evident than in our recent work with the International Association for Court Administration (IACA) to prepare for this year's joint annual conference.

Discussions about a joint conference began between members of NACM's and IACA's leadership in the summer of 2014, and since then countless hours have been spent by member volunteers from both organizations, with the support of our partners at the National Center for State Courts, in meetings, on conference calls, and by email to address details regarding the conference venue, budget, social events, and, most importantly, the educational program. Many thanks are due to these committed and creative volunteers. We believe that their efforts will yield significant returns in learning for all those who attend, as well as those who view the sessions remotely via live stream or by accessing them on NACM's website.

The annual conference agenda features an abundance of timely and relevant sessions that speak to the importance of the pursuit of excellence in judicial administration. Diverse perspectives on key issues in the field will be offered by a qualified and engaging roster of speakers, who will also provide important practical tools and tips for meeting the challenges of court administration in the modern age.

NACM and IACA members share a passion for their work and a commitment to strengthening and advancing the rule of law. Through collaborating on joint activities such as the annual conference, we seek to learn from each other, challenge each other, and inspire each other. As the two largest professional organizations serving court professionals in the world, our two groups are well positioned to dictate the course of the profession, and convenings like the annual conference provide a great opportunity to do just that.

