



The Chief Judge of the State of New York

Judith S. Kaye

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Copy of letter sent by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye to all Chief Justices.

Dear Colleague:

At the meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices last February, I described plans for an upcoming Jury Summit. I am writing now to formally invite you to send a delegation to attend the Jury Summit to be held in New York City, Wednesday, January 31 through Saturday, February 3, 2001. The Jury Summit is intended to bring together judges, attorneys, court administrators, scholars and former jurors to help us develop a better understanding of the jury system and plan for its continued improvement.

The Jury Summit is being hosted by the New York State Court System and the National Center for State Courts. Co-sponsors of the Summit are the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, the American Judges Association and the National Association for Court Management.

The agenda for the Summit has been developed with the assistance of an advisory committee of nationally recognized jury system professionals and an Executive Committee consisting of the hosts and co-sponsors. The State Justice Institute has provided a planning grant for the development of the Summit. The Summit Agenda is attached. Topics include jury system inclusiveness, public trust in the jury system, jury selection, juror privacy, communicating with the jury, jury instructions, automation and jury administration.

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To encourage the widest possible national participation, five places have been reserved for representatives from each state. We are hoping that the state delegations will include a representative from the bench, bar, court administration, academia and a member of the public who actually had jury service.

I would appreciate your sending a list of possible attendees, including their addresses and telephone numbers by October 1. Please forward the list to Chester Mount at our Jury Office--25 Beaver Street, Room 975, New York, NY 10004, Phone: 1-800-NY-JUROR, Fax: 212-428-2987, e-mail address: jurysummit@courts.state.ny.us--so that we can provide your representatives with an agenda and registration materials.

Please feel free to call me, Tom Munsterman (703-841-5620) of the National Center for State Courts, Chip Mount or Tony Manisero (1-800-NY-JUROR or 212-428-2990) in our New York Jury Office for more information. The Summit web site is www.jurysummit.com.

This is an exciting time for those of us involved in jury reform. During the past decade, many of our courts have undertaken jury improvement efforts. The Jury Summit will provide an opportunity for us to share the lessons learned from these efforts. I look forward to seeing you in New York City.

Sincerely,

Judith S. Kaye