

Additional Strategic Plan Goals - 2000

A. Diversity

In three years, 20 percent of the court's staff and chambers' staff, excluding judicial officers, will be drawn from under-represented groups such as African-American, Hispanic, Southeast Asian or Native American.

B. Consent Docket

By June 2001, magistrate judges will reach a consent docket of 25 civil cases per magistrate judge and maintain such docket numbers until January 2002, whereupon the goal will be reevaluated.

Apart from exceptional cases, the magistrate judges will take 50 percent of all Rule 11 guilty pleas by January 2001. No judge is obligated, however, to refer his or her Rule 11 guilty pleas to a magistrate judge.

C. Community Education

Over the next two years, the court will sponsor programs similar to the DCN "Third Branch" program on the law. We will invite public high school students in Omaha, Lincoln and North Platte to attend. This program would require a judge, a U.S. Attorney, a Federal Public Defender, Probation, Pretrial Services and Clerk's offices to participate and give presentations. We will conduct the program in April 2001 and April 2002. In the fall of 2002, we will expand the program. The expanded program would be directed at fifth and sixth grades and it would involve the same cast of personnel to explain the judicial system, concentrating on the federal district judges. The court will consider further expanding the program into American Government classes via "push-to-talk" technology.

D. Detention/Supervision Alternatives

By January 2002, the court will contact community organizations to develop two additional alternatives to detention/supervision primarily designed to assist Hispanic defendants.

E. Long-Term Storage of Electronic Media

By January 2002, the court will adopt a policy that addresses the following questions:

1. How long do we need to keep electronic data?
2. How should it be classified?
3. How should it be preserved/stored?