

JUDICIAL SYSTEM VISION STATEMENT

The North Dakota Judicial System will strive to ensure the public's perception of the judicial system is knowledgeable and one of trust and confidence in the integrity and operation of the system

The judicial system will institutionalize methods of public education and community outreach that facilitate public understanding of the operation of the judicial system and its role as an independent branch of government.

The North Dakota Judicial System will use technology in a manner appropriate to the dispensing of justice to ensure dispute resolution is fair, efficient, and accessible

The judicial system will incorporate technological advancements into everyday court activities to support delivery of more efficient and cost-effective judicial services and to maintain the delivery of and access to judicial services throughout the state.

The judicial system will institute a paperless filing system that provides public access to case scheduling information and court documents.

The North Dakota Judicial System will routinely review methods of dispute resolution and develop alternatives that enable the timely, cost-effective, and humane disposition of cases

The judicial system will pursue the appropriate use of therapeutic justice programs, such as drug courts, and the development of community and service provider partnerships in support of the programs.

The judicial system will support establishment of a forum for informal, community-based dispute resolution.

The judicial system will explore and implement alternative methods of resolving family law disputes which mitigate the destructive impact on families and children.

The North Dakota Judicial System will develop a support structure that enables it to provide timely, fair, humane, and affordable resolution of disputes

The judicial system will be adequately funded and will be sufficiently staffed by judges and court personnel to ensure accessible and timely judicial services are available to the citizens of this state.

The judicial system will develop an organization and administrative support structure that ensures effective distribution of judicial resources and maximizes the ability of judges to dedicate themselves to providing adequate and timely judicial services.

The judicial system will develop a case management and scheduling process that ensures an effective and equitable allocation of cases among judges, ensures the timely disposition of cases, and recognizes the importance of quality judicial decision-making in the disposition of cases.