

Judicial Order Template

**In the Supreme Court of [state]
Order / Docket # []
Establishing the Justice Counts Working Group**

WHEREAS, criminal justice data in [state] are spread among branches, agencies of government, and courts at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, [state] policymakers are often forced to make critical decisions about the safety of their constituents using limited or stale criminal justice data; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Counts metrics are consensus-driven and developed in partnership with a wide range of experts across the criminal justice system;

THEREFORE,

The Supreme Court of [state] hereby establishes the Justice Counts working group, a bipartisan partnership across the co-equal branches—Legislative, Judicial, and Executive—and with Tribal and county-level elected and appointed leaders.

[Member Name, Affiliation] will Chair the [Entity Title].

In addition to the Chairs, the [Entity Title] will be composed of at least 13 members, appointed by the chief justice, governor, and legislative leadership, that represent a broad cross section of the criminal justice system. These members include:

1. Law enforcement representative(s): _____
2. Prosecution representative(s): _____
3. Defense representative(s): _____
4. Courts and pretrial representative(s): _____
5. Jails representative(s): _____
6. Prisons representative(s): _____
7. Community supervision representative(s): _____
8. Reentry representative(s): _____
9. Behavioral health representative(s): _____
10. Victim services representative(s): _____
11. At large representative(s): _____

In collaboration with The Council of State Governments Justice Center and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Assistance, the [Supreme Court] will work with stakeholders to develop a process of sharing actionable data in accordance with the Justice Counts metrics on a consistent and ongoing basis. [Entity Title] will work with the CSG Justice Center as technical assistance providers to accomplish this.

This Order is effective [date] and will remain in effect until rescinded [or date].

[Date].