

Paper: Courts Need to Provide Access to Justice in Rural America (COSCA 2018)

In a detailed policy paper entitled, [Courts Need to Provide Access to Justice in Rural America](#), and published in 2018 by the Conference of State Court Administrators, readers will find a thoughtful analysis of how rural courts can expand access and support rural communities. The paper covers the following areas:

- THE CHALLENGE: RURAL JUSTICE IN AN URBAN SOCIETY
- DEFINING “RURAL AMERICA”
- RURAL POPULATION DECLINE
- AGING POPULATION
- TECHNOLOGY
- COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE TRADITIONAL BRICK-AND-MORTAR COURTHOUSE
- OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR RURAL AMERICANS
- THE POTENTIAL AND PITFALLS OF TECHNOLOGY FOR RURAL JUSTICE
- COURT STRUCTURE;ALTERNATIVES TO THE TRADITIONAL MODEL FOR RURAL JUSTICE
- ATTRACTING RESOURCES TO RURAL AREAS
- STATE COURTS CAN ENHANCE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR RURAL POPULATIONS THROUGH INNOVATION, REENGINEERING OF COURT PROCESSES AND DEDICATION OF NECESSARY RESOURCES

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