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**TO:** Chief Justice Gerry Alexander,  
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Board for Judicial Administration Co-Chairs

**FROM:** Judge Marilyn Paja,  
DMCJA Board President

**RE:** 2009 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

The DMCJA solicited ideas from Association members for potential 2009-2010 legislation. Those ideas were evaluated by our Legislative Committee and the Board. The Board has approved the following concepts for possible legislation. Precise legislative language has not yet been approved by the DMCJA Board.

1. Allowing district and municipal court fees for ex parte civil orders and clerk services, similar to that proposed in 2007 legislative session in SB 6217. This allows limited jurisdiction courts to collect fees for services similarly to superior courts.
2. District court judge elections decided at primary election by majority vote in the same manner as superior court judge elections. Because the election statutes for municipal court judges are more complicated, the DMCJA Board would plan to introduce legislation next year for municipal court judge elections to standardize elections for judges at all court levels.
3. Allow city jail for municipal court contempt cases. Current law only provides for use of the county jail.
4. Allow discretionary release of an uncertified copy of an abstract of a driving record by the court to an individual who has a suspended license charge in that court, and further allow a copy of an abstract to be provided directly to a drug/alcohol treatment agency by DOL.
5. Eliminate requirement to physically segregate deferred prosecution case files. This is a BJA referral from the Wilson Report to eliminate unnecessary separation since privacy concerns are otherwise accomplished by GR 15 and other legislation.