



# Court Leadership And Professional Competencies

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A Sampling of Professional:  
 Abilities  
 Competencies  
 Practices  
 Success Skills  
 Mindsets  
 Knowledge  
 Actions  
 Behaviors  
 Strategies

Many court leaders have been exposed to training on proficiencies from the National Association for Court Management. Some may have attended workshops from the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management or taken university courses on judicial administration. Seasoned and successful court leaders do benefit from a variety of knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs).

This issue begins a series on different KSAs important to court leaders. Included are reviews of different leadership and professional competencies from a range of sources, many of which are based outside of court leadership literature and publications. These KSAs have relevancy to court professionals and may illustrate additional skills to consider for proficiency.

Each upcoming issue reviews and summarizes a different set of KSAs. As each set of competencies is reviewed, readers are invited to study and assess which topics and skills are important, necessary, or needed for current job duties, or which skills should be targeted for further study and skill acquisition.

The KSAs are not all inclusive and other KSAs exist. Some KSAs may cause readers to contemplate other talents that they've observed. Several KSAs appear in multiple sources. The ultimate goal of this series is a summary of different KSAs and an illustration of those that may be important for court leader use or learning.

The chart below illustrates the variety of KSAs that will be reviewed. Watch for the next issue!

CORE<sup>(R)</sup> Competencies

Eight Leadership Skills to Develop

Leadership Competencies

Successful Court Administrator Characteristics

Leadership Practices

Fundamentals of Leadership

Effective Leadership Skills

Court Leadership and Professional Competencies

Court Administration Hierarchy

Skills of An Effective Court Manager

Six Essential Leadership Skills

Entrepreneurial Mindset

Six Professional Competencies

Coaching Competencies

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