

Fourth Judicial District Part of Civil Litigation Study by UC Davis Research Team

The Fourth Judicial District is very pleased to have been chosen as a site for a national study of what litigants in civil actions want from legal procedures. This study is funded by the National Science Foundation and the American Bar Association.

The study of the Fourth Judicial District is being conducted by Dr. Donna Shestowsky and her research team, at the University of California, Davis, School of Law.

This research project is designed to assess what services litigants in civil actions want from the legal system. In the data gathering phase of the study litigants are randomly selected from cases filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Selected litigants are then mailed a survey instrument and information about the study. The survey material is mailed directly from Dr. Shestowsky's research team at the University of California, Davis. The circuit court is not directly involved in distributing the survey or otherwise collecting the data for this project. The court does, however, encourage all litigants who receive the survey to participate in this important project. For further information about the project, please contact: Dr. Donna Shestowsky at dshest@ucdavis.edu.