

## Fiscal Year 2014 Highlights

The effective administration of our court system includes the coordination of our clerk of courts offices, probation services, continuing education for judicial officers and their staff, statewide computer technology and support, expansion and operation of specialty courts, and ensuring support to our courts through professional human resources, technology, accounting and legal services. Many moving parts must work together to ensure that the Unified Judicial System constantly advances in support of its mission: **Justice for All**. To direct our work in support of that goal our Strategic Plan focuses on six key areas: Technology; Staffing Recruitment and Retention; Budget and Resource Management; Small and Rural Court Issues; Access to Justice; and Public Trust and Confidence in the court system.

While this list is certainly not exhaustive, the highlights of the UJS's work during FY14 include the following:

- Implementation of the Public Safety Improvement Act (formerly known as SB 70)
  - Judicial and Court Services Trainings on Evidence-Based Practices;
  - Development of Earned Discharge Credit System for Probationers;
  - Piloting of HOPE Court in Walworth/Edmunds County; and,
  - Adopted a Graduated Supervisory Response Grid.
- DUI Courts Added in Minnehaha and Pennington Counties
- Drug Court Added in Davison County
- Rural Attorney Recruitment Program Established
- Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Expansion Efforts
- Discretionary E-filing Implemented for Attorneys Statewide
- Conversion to Electronic Documents Statewide
- Development of eCitations Project with the Sioux Falls Police Department
- New Judge Orientation and Leadership Trainings
- Updated and Revised all UJS Position Descriptions and Created Core Competency Standards
- Development Started on Learning Management System for Employee Training
- Court Collections Workgroup Established
- Revised Forms for Self-Represented Litigants and Development of Interactive Forms