

Rural Court Roundtable

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What are your top three
challenges as a rural court judge?

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What do you find to be most rewarding as a rural court judge?

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Overcoming Limited Resources

- Part-time judges, staffing
- Scheduling, office hours, and on call rotations (inquests, magistration)
- Time management
- Contact with the public, website, voicemail

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Mental Health

- Issues
- Resources
- Best Practices

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Indigency

- Setting up office practices
- Making determinations
- Community service options

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Technology

- Video magistration
- Cameras, county phones, etc. for inquests
- Online citation payment

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Ethics

- Ex parte communications
- Legal advice
- Social media
- Open records
- Masking

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Security

- Working with your Constable
- Identifying security issues ahead of time
 - Emergency plans
 - Identifying potential threats
- Should you carry?
- SB 42
 - Judicial information redacted
 - Incident reporting

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Thank you!

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