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INTRODUCTION

In March 1972, the Joint Committee on Judicial Modernization formed by the Connecticut Citizens for Judicial Modernization and the Connecticut Bar Association published a study following meetings with judges, lawyers and business people and review of judicial systems in other states. Its study covered a selected group of proposals which might lead to improvement of the Connecticut judicial system.

Although recognizing that the Connecticut judicial system has been quite effective, free from scandal and a pioneer in some respects, the Joint Committee recommended a number of changes to improve the likelihood of more equal and more efficient justice for all the citizens of the state. Among the recommendations were that of a subcommittee which gave considerable time to an analysis of what it considered "...an inefficient overlapping system of trial courts." It suggested that the five trial courts of the state might be combined into a single trial court; however, the Joint Committee recommended that a detailed management study of the trial court system be undertaken to explore feasibility of the various options for restructuring of the trial courts, revision of geographic boundaries for the court locations and various other factors before any far ranging changes were made.

The Connecticut Citizens for Judicial Modernization began to consider the possibilities for conducting the needed management study -- a study of the type frequently employed in the business world. In the meantime, the Legislature

of the State of Connecticut recognized the validity of the concerns expressed in the Joint Committee Report and concluded that a considered study of the problems and options was needed. As a result, the General Assembly passed an act which created the Commission to Study the Reorganization and Unification of the Courts .

The Connecticut Citizens for Judicial Modernization approached the Commission with a proposal that the management study be undertaken as a joint project so that the Commission would have the benefit of the factual information needed in making its recommendations and presenting a legislative proposal to the Connecticut Legislature by March 1, 1974. In August 1973 the Commission asked that the CCJM conduct the management study and report the results to it but also asked that the CCJM seek funding elsewhere because of the limited resources of the Commission.

The CCJM then contacted State industry and several foundations for support since action would have to be taken quickly in order to provide results to the Commission in sufficient time for use in its deliberations. A grant of \$13,000 was obtained from the Sachem Fund of New Haven to cover out-of-pocket costs and industry volunteered executives with background in systems management and computer technology to assist in the development of the parameters of the study and in the translation of data into meaningful analyses. Members of the Bar and the Judiciary volunteered their time and efforts. In addition to providing executive personnel, Aetna Life and Casualty Company and Combustion Engineering Company

agreed to provide keypunch and computer services respectively.

The study which was divided into two parts -- the first an evaluation of the physical plant (courthouses) of the judicial department and the second, an evaluation of the manner in which the courts' time is consumed on various types of matters throughout the state. The first study is the subject of this report and the second is the subject of the companion report entitled "Survey of the Utilization of Courtroom Time In the Trial Courts of the State of Connecticut."

It was recognized that it would be extremely desirable to have the evaluation of the physical characteristics of the courthouses made by persons who were knowledgeable of real estate and buildings. Accordingly, it was suggested that one or more of the public utilities might volunteer their trained real estate and building engineering personnel to assist in conducting the study. Southern New England Telephone Company was approached and felt that the task could best be coordinated within a single organization because of the magnitude and urgency of the task. It generously agreed to have its trained personnel visit each courthouse in the State.

Because of the time factors and the nature of the area of greatest interest, this survey excludes the facilities of the Juvenile Court. It also excludes the facilities employed by the various probate courts and those of the Supreme Court and of the Judicial Department where housed in buildings which do not include courtrooms.

To obtain a picture of the time that the courtrooms were actually in use, the first week in October would be fully covered by the over 300 courtroom observers who were to be recruited for the companion survey of the courts' business. Chief Justice Charles House requested that the clerks of the various courts provide the survey team with the data concerning courtroom usage during the remainder of the month of October.

In this manner, the cooperation of industry, judiciary and citizenry enabled undertaking a most significant task leading to the preparation of this report. The CCJM expresses its sincere appreciation to all for their exceedingly valuable assistance.

THE PRESENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The Constitution of the State of Connecticut provides a judicial system comprised of the Supreme Court and the trial court of original jurisdiction known as the Superior Court. It also provides for a Probate Court with elected judges and enables the Legislature to create other courts of lesser jurisdiction. Over the years, the Legislature has created the Circuit Court as a consolidation of the former justice of the peace and town or municipal courts; the Common Pleas Court; and the Juvenile Court. The Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction over both civil and criminal matters; the Common Pleas Court is primarily a civil court; the Circuit Court handles both civil and criminal matters. The Juvenile Court handles delinquency and certain aspects of child custody; and the Probate Court handles administration of decedents' estates,

the appointment of conservators for incompetents, the appointment of guardians for juveniles, the administration of the estates of incompetents and juveniles, commitments, adoptions, and certain other matters. Appeals from the Probate Court and Juvenile Court are taken to the Superior Court. Appeals from the Circuit Court now are taken to the Common Pleas Court. Appeals from the Common Pleas and Superior Courts are taken to the Supreme Court. There is a great deal of overlapping jurisdiction between the three trial courts in the civil area. There are both gaps and overlapping jurisdiction among all five courts in the handling of matters affecting juveniles.

As has been well stated by Professor Karlen:

"Each court has its own fixed jurisdiction, its own judges and its own administration and operates in splendid isolation from its sister courts".¹

There are presently assigned to the Supreme Court 6 justices. There are presently assigned to the Superior Court 40 judges; to the Common Pleas Court 16 judges; to the Circuit Court 50 judges; and to the Juvenile Court 6 judges. All of these judges are full time, appointed by action of the Governor and Legislature and paid by fixed salary. There are 125 elected judges of Probate who devote varying amounts of time to their duties as Probate judges depending upon the load in their Probate District. Their income is dependent upon fees collected upon the cases before them.

¹ Karlen, Judicial Modernization: What Other States Have Done, State Government and Public Responsibility (1964 Tufts Assembly on Government)

Judges of the Superior, Common Pleas and Circuit Courts ride circuit, i. e. they are reassigned from one court location to another on a periodic basis. Cases pending before a court are on a master list and are assigned to specific judges for handling only at the time of trial, or at the time of a motion or other matter requiring judicial attention. In rare instances, a case may be assigned to a specific judge for handling throughout a significant portion of the pre-trial activity as well as trial.

Our court locations and the geographic boundaries of the jurisdiction of each court were long ago determined on the basis of the horse and buggy -- how far could the lawyer and his client ride in their horse and buggy in a reasonable length of time to reach the place where the court sits. Many of the towns have been desirous of having the locations of the Circuit Court close at hand.

THE PRESENT COURTHOUSE FACILITIES

The Superior and Common Pleas Courts share courthouse facilities throughout the State and share jury panels for the transaction of their business. The Circuit Court generally operates in facilities leased from the towns in which it sits although it does share courthouses with the Superior and Common Pleas Courts in two locations, Danbury and Norwich. The Juvenile Court facilities are separate from the other courts and may be leased or state owned. The Probate Court facilities are provided by the Probate judges with the larger towns tending to provide facilities in municipal buildings. Almost all of the

courthouses of the Superior and Common Pleas Courts are owned by the State and reasonably well maintained although sometimes inadequate or antiquated. Those Circuit Court facilities which date back to the creation of the Court in the early 1960s tend to be overcrowded and obsolete and they also evidence poor maintenance. Facilities secured by the Judicial Department in recent years are generally of acceptable character.

It has been frequently observed that the court facilities in the urban centers are overcrowded whereas court facilities in the more rural areas are comparatively little used. The Circuit Court facilities in many of the urban centers including New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport are in what might be considered disgraceful condition.

The Superior Court presently has 39 courtrooms in 17 locations; the Court of Common Pleas presently has 19 courtrooms in 14 locations; and, the Circuit Court has 58 courtrooms in 29 locations.

The present system effectively precludes use of the courthouses of the Superior and Common Pleas Courts by the Circuit and Juvenile Courts although dispensations are given for special cases. The Judicial Department has recently obtained full control over the location of Circuit Court facilities and has begun a program to upgrade them. The State has a building program underway which will provide new courthouse facilities for the Superior and Common Pleas Courts in 1974 in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury. The present Superior Court Building in New Haven will be turned over to the

Circuit Court. The Judicial Department is seeking authorization to build new Superior Court buildings in Hartford and in New London County.

THE PHYSICAL SURVEY OF THE COURT FACILITIES

Following consultation with trained real estate and building personnel and with Judicial Department personnel, there was prepared a check sheet to be used in inspecting each room of each courthouse utilized by the Superior, Common Pleas and Circuit Courts. Not only was the survey to evaluate the courtrooms but also it was intended to evaluate all of the rooms used by support personnel in that particular court building. In some instances it was expected that the courtrooms would be found adequate, but that the support facilities could prove inadequate, thus making the court facility one which was generally inadequate for service for the business it handled.

Among the items to be considered in the physical survey were the condition of the rooms, size or area, audibility, lighting, adequacy of furnishings, the presence of airconditioning, the presence of public address systems in courtrooms and the general condition of the rooms themselves. The surveyors were also to evaluate the character of the neighborhood and the availability of parking, not only for the court personnel but also for jurors, attorneys and litigants.

In addition, it was found that a number of the court facilities deviated from the plans on file with the State Public Works Department or that those plans did not identify the usage being made of various rooms at the facility.

Accordingly, it was decided that floor plans showing the layouts of the court facilities would also be provided as a part of the survey.

In view of the fact that three new court buildings were nearing completion in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury, these were evaluated as if presently in the system. Because of the plans to turn over the existing Bridgeport Superior Court facility to the City of Bridgeport, this building was not physically surveyed.

The on-site inspection reports with respect to the various court facilities are reproduced hereinafter in Appendix A.

SURVEY OF COURTROOM UTILIZATION

During the week of October 1, 1973, observers recruited by the CCJM were present in substantially every courtroom of the State of Connecticut and recorded the period of time that the courtrooms were actually in use for the transaction of court business. During the remainder of the month of October, the clerks of the courts at the various courthouse locations completed forms and forwarded these forms to the CCJM to indicate the time that the courtrooms were in session.

If the courtroom was in session for any period of time during the morning (10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. usually), it would be recorded as in session for the morning regardless of the total time period involved. The same is true with respect to the afternoon session (2:00 to 4:30 p. m. usually).

The Superior and Common Pleas courtrooms are not usually used on

Monday of the week; however on certain Mondays the Bureau of Support of the Court of Common Pleas will process support cases in Hartford and New Haven.

For purposes of calculation, the month of October was determined to have 44 courtroom units of time (two per day times 22 days) excluding October 8, which was a holiday. The Superior and Common Pleas Courts were closed on October 23 to allow judges and attorneys to attend the annual meeting of the Connecticut Bar Association but this day was considered for percentage usage since most months contain a holiday or a conference day. The Superior and Common Pleas courtrooms were considered to be available for use on Mondays even though traditionally not used.

In Appendix B there is a tabulation of the utilization of each of the courtrooms of the Superior, Common Pleas and Circuit Courts for the month of October 1973. The designation F indicates that the courtroom was used both in the morning and afternoon periods; the designation P indicates that it was only used during one of the morning or afternoon periods; the designation N indicates that it was not used at all on that day; the designation H indicates a holiday. The designation J indicates that the courtroom was used for jury activity; thus the designations JF and JP respectively indicate that the courtroom was used for the entire day, or only half the day, for criminal jury or civil jury matters.

For purposes of county-wide determinations of percentage courtroom

usage, hearing rooms and some small claims courtrooms were not tabulated in determining the averages. Those omitted are indicated by an asterisk prior to the designation of the courtroom.

In reviewing this data on courtroom usage, it must be understood that this does not reflect the full activity of the courts. The judges frequently conduct a great deal of the court business in their chambers wherein they meet with litigants and attempt to effect settlement or other disposition without actual trial or attempt to reduce issues. In addition some judges spend a considerable amount of time in administrative matters affecting their courts, and opinion writing also requires time on the part of judges, particularly in the Superior Court.

In addition to the regular judges of the Courts, there are referees or retired judges who sit in any available facility including empty courtrooms, empty jury rooms, hearing rooms and the like for the purposes of hearing those cases which are specifically assigned to them. In some instances in October 1973 more judges were assigned to a courthouse location than there were available courtrooms so that proceedings were conducted in jury rooms and judges chambers as well as small conference rooms.

ANALYSIS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF USEABLE COURTROOM FACILITIES

The key information obtained from the physical survey of the facilities and from the survey of time of courtroom usage during the month of October 1973 has been extracted and consolidated into the following tabular presentation:

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use			
										J	NJ	Not	
<u>LITCHFIELD COUNTY</u>													
<u>Litchfield</u>													
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Fair							
Sup. Court		Yes	L			Good	No	Poor	No	9	38	53	
Comm. Pleas		Yes	L			Good	No	Poor	No	20	0	80	
<u>Torrington</u>													
18th Cir. Town Hall Room #1	Leased	Yes	S	Fair	Fair	Fair	No	Poor	No	6	25	69	
<u>Winsted</u>													
18th Cir. Town Hall Room #1	Leased	Yes	M	Fair	Fair	Good	No	Fair	No	36	14	50	
<u>New Milford</u>													
3rd Cir. Town Hall Room #1	Leased	Yes	L	Fair	Good	Good	No	Fair	No	0	9	91	
COUNTY TOTAL:		5 Jury								TOTAL USAGE:	14	17	69
<u>NEW LONDON COUNTY</u>													
<u>New London</u>													
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Inadeq							
Superior #1		Yes	L			Fair	No	Fair	No	55	11	34	
Comm. Pleas#1		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	43	0	57	
<u>10th Cir. Police Bldg</u>													
Room #1	Leased	No	L	Good	Fair	Poor	No	Poor	No	0	68	32	
<u>Norwich</u>													
City Hall	Shared			Fair	Fair	Inadeq							
Sup. Court #1		Yes	L			Fair	No	Good	No	0	36	64	
Comm. Pleas#1		Yes	M			Fair	No	Good	No	0	2	98	
Cir. Court		Yes	L			Fair	No	Good	No	5	52	43	
<u>Groton</u>													
10th Cir. Town Hall Room #1	Leased	No	L	Fair	Good	Inadeq	No	Good	No	0	16	84	
COUNTY TOTAL:	0(5)J	0(2)NJ								TOTAL USABLE:	0	0	0
										NON-USABLE:	15	26	59

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
										J	NJ	Not
<u>TOLLAND COUNTY</u>												
Rockville												
Superior Court Bldg.	Leased			Good	Good	Good						
Sup. Court	Yes	M		Good	Yes	Good	No	29	25	46		
Comm. Pleas	Yes	M		Good	Yes	Good	No	16	14	70		
*Hearing Room	No	S		Good	Yes	Good	No	---	---	---		
12th Cir, Town Hall Room #1	Leased	No	L	Fair	Fair	Inadeq Poor	No	Poor	No	0	7	93
Stafford Springs												
12th Cir, Town Hall Room #1	Leased	No	S	Fair	Poor	Poor	No	Good	No	0	5	95
COUNTY TOTAL:	2J	1(2)NJ						TOTAL USABLE:	23	19	58	
								NON-USABLE:	0	6	94	
<u>WINDHAM COUNTY</u>												
Willimantic												
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Good						
Sup. Court	Yes	L		Good	Yes	Good	No	0	0	100		
Comm. Pleas	Yes	S		Good	Yes	Good	No	0	0	100		
11th Cir, Town Hall Room #1	Leased	Yes	M	Fair	Good	Inadeq Fair	No	Good	No	5	25	70
Putnam												
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Good	Good	Good						
Sup. Court	Yes	M		Good	Yes	Good	No	27	46	27		
Comm. Pleas	Yes	L		Good	Yes	Good	No	0	0	100		
Danielson												
11th Cir, Town Hall Room #1	Leased	Yes	L	Fair	Fair	Fair	No	Good	No	0	34	66
COUNTY TOTAL:	6J	0NJ						TOTAL USABLE:	5	17	78	

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park N'br ing Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use				
									J	NJ	Not		
<u>MIDDLESEX COUNTY</u>													
Middletown													
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Poor	Fair	Good							
Sup. Court #112		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	23	43	34	
Comm. Pleas #115		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	9	11	80	
9th Cir. Sep. Bldg.	Leased			Poor	Poor	Fair							
Room #1		No	M			Fair	Yes	Good	Yes	7	86	7	
Room #2		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	Yes	43	0	57	
COUNTY TOTAL:	2J	2NJ								TOTAL USABLE:	21	35	44
<u>HARTFORD COUNTY</u>													
Hartford													
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Good							
Sup. Court #1		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Fair	No	9	64	27	
Sup. Court #2		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Fair	No	43	34	23	
Sup. Court #3		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Fair	No	52	7	41	
Sup. Court #4		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Fair	No	0	59	41	
Sup. Court #5		No	M			Good	Yes	Poor	No	0	64	36	
Sup. Court #6		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Poor	No	73	0	27	
Sup. Court #7		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Poor	No	59	0	41	
Sup. Court #8		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Poor	No	30	9	61	
Comm. Pleas #1		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Fair	No	41	0	59	
Comm. Pleas #2		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Fair	No	0	34	66	
Comm. Pleas #3		No	S			Good	Yes	Fair	No	39	0	61	
Trinity Street Bldg.	Leased			Poor	Good	Good							
Sup. Ct. -Fam. Rel.		No	M			Good	Yes	Poor	No	0	30	70	
Comm. Pleas		No	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	55	45	
14th Cir. Police Sta.	Leased			Fair	Poor	Inadeq							
Room #1		No	L			Poor	No	Fair	No	0	77	23	
Room #2		Yes	L			Poor	No	Fair	No	0	66	34	
Room #3		Yes	L			Poor	No	Fair	No	14	34	52	
Room #4		No	L			Poor	No	Fair	No	48	27	25	
HTFD. CITY USABLE TOTAL:	9(2)J	4(2)NJ								CITY TOTAL USABLE:	26	26	48
										CITY TOTAL NON-USABLE:	15	52	33

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use			
										J	NJ	Not	
<u>HARTFORD COUNTY (CONTINUED)</u>													
<u>New Britain</u>													
Superior Court Bldg.	Leased			Fair	Good	Good							
Sup. Court #1		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	52	16	32	
Sup. Court #2		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	5	55	40	
Comm. Pleas #3		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	27	5	68	
15th Cir, Munpl Bldg.	Leased			Fair	Good	Good							
Room #1		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	82	18	
Room #2		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	43	57	
<u>West Hartford</u>													
16th Cir, Town Hall	Leased			Fair	Good	Inadeq							
Room #1		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	9	57	34	
*Sm. Claims		No	S			Fair	Yes	Good	No	--	--	--	
<u>Bristol</u>													
17th Cir, Town Hall	Leased			Good	Good	Good							
West		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	61	39	
East		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	32	16	52	
<u>East Hartford</u>													
12th Cir, Police Bldg.	Leased			Fair	Good	Good							
Room #1		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	46	36	18	
<u>Manchester</u>													
12th Cir, Police Bldg.	Leased			Good	Good	Inadeq							
Room #1		No	L			Poor	Yes	Good	No	0	68	32	
<u>Windsor</u>													
13th Cir, Town Hall	Leased			Good	Good	Good							
Room #1		<u>Yes</u>	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	<u>29</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>16</u>	
COUNTY TOTAL:	18(2) J	6(3)NJ								COUNTY TOTAL USABLE:	23	33	44
										NON-USABLE:	13	54	33

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
										J	NJ	Not
<u>NEW HAVEN COUNTY</u>												
New Haven												
Present Sup. Ct. Bldg.	State			Poor	Good	Good						
Sup. Court #2		No	S			Fair	Yes	Good	No	0	70	30
Comm. Pleas #4		No	S			Fair	Yes	Good	No	4	66	30
Sup. Court #15		Yes	L			Fair	Yes	Good	No	55	9	36
Comm. Pleas #16		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	68	2	30
Sup. Court #11		Yes	L			Fair	Yes	Good	No	66	9	25
Sup. Court #48		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	18	46	36
Sup. Court #47		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	52	5	43
Sup. Court #43		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	68	0	32
Sup. Court #34		Yes	S			Fair	Yes	Good	No	36	0	64
Sup. Ct. Temp. Bldg.	State			Poor	Good	Temp.						
Sup. Court #10		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	57	0	43
Comm. Pleas #12		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	34	0	66
6th Cir. T. Hall Annex				Poor	Fair	Poor						
Room #1		Yes	L			Poor	No	Poor	No	2	78	20
Room #2		Yes	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	0	66	34
Room #3		Yes	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	7	50	43
Small Claims		No	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	0	14	86
New Sup. Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Good						
Room #309		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #320		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #334		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #340		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #351		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #409		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #420		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #434		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #440		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #451		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #510		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			

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OPERATION

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
										J	NJ	Not
NEW HAVEN COUNTY (CONTINUED)												
New Sup. Court Bldg. (Continued)												
Room #518		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #531		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #537		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #547		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			NOT YET
Room #609		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			IN
Room #620		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			OPERATION
Room #634		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #640		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #650		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			

NEW HAVEN TOTAL-

(After Move Into New Bldg.): 23J 8NJ
(Prior to Move): 9(3)J 2(1)NJ

PRESENT TOTAL USAGE-

USABLE: 42 19 39
NON-USABLE: 2 52 46

Meriden

7th Cir, Munpl Bldg.	Leased			Fair	Fair	Good						
Sm. Claims #1		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	--	--	--
Sm. Claims #2		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	--	--	--
Room #1		No	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	14	25	61
Room #2		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	52	48
Room #3		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	9	20	71

Milford

5th Cir, Police Bldg.	Leased			Good	Good	Good						
Room #1		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	32	43	25

West Haven

8th Cir, City Hall	Leased			Good	Good	Good						
West		Yes	L			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	23	61	16
East		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	36	27	37

Ansonia

5th Cir, City Hall	Leased			Fair	Good	Fair						
Room #1		Yes	M			Fair	No	Fair	No	0	57	43

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N ^o br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
										J	NJ	Not
NEW HAVEN COUNTY (CONTINUED)												
Waterbury												
Present Sup. Ct. Bldg.	State			Fair	Fair	Inadeq						
Sm. Ct. Room		No	S			Fair	No	Good	No	0	0	100
Sup. Court #1		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	50	25	25
Sup. Court #2		Yes	M			Fair	No	Good	No	27	18	55
Comm. Pleas		Yes	M			Fair	No	Good	No	16	23	61
New Sup. Ct. Bldg.	State			Fair	Fair	Good						
Room #1		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #2		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #3		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #4		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
Room #5		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes			
												NOT YET IN OPERATION
4th Cir, City Hall	Leased			Fair	Good	Inadeq						
Room #1		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Poor	No	5	59	36
Room #2		Yes	L			Fair	Yes	Poor	Yes	41	32	27
*Sm. Claims #1		No	S			Fair	No	Fair	No	--	--	--
*Sm. Claims #2		No	S			Good	No	Fair	No	--	--	--
WATERBURY TOTAL-						PRESENT TOTAL USAGE-						
(Using New Building):		4(2)J	1(2)NJ					USABLE:		24	16	60
(Using Present Building):		3(2)J	1(2)NJ					NON-USABLE:		23	46	31
NEW HAVEN COUNTY TOTAL: (Using Old Bldgs)						18(5)J	5(3)NJ	USABLE:		93	66	241
						(Old Buildings)		NON-USABLE:		46	91	63
With New Buildings:						33(2)J	12(2)NJ					
						9(3)	2(1)					
						3(2)	1(2)					
						6	2					
						<u>18(5)</u>	<u>5(3)</u>					

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park N'br ing Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
									J	NJ	Not
FAIRFIELD COUNTY											
Bridgeport											
Superior Court Bldg.	State										
Criminal #1									68	0 32	
Criminal #2									45	0 55	
Comm. Pleas #25									11	53 36	
Room #26				NOT SURVEYED					18	36 46	
Jury #1				TO BE TURNED					68	0 32	
Jury #2				OVER TO CITY					27	30 43	
Jury #3									68	0 32	
Comm. Pleas #58									55	2 43	
Stratfield Motor									57	0 43	
City Counc. Chamb.									0	57 43	
New Sup. Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Good	Good					
Room 317		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 326		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 344		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 519		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 521		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 526		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 550		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	NOT YET	
Room 551		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	IN	
Room 619		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes	OPERATION	
Room 621		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 629		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 647		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 652		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Room 656		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	Yes		
Cir. Ct. #2-Sep. Bldg.	Leased			Fair	Poor	Inadeq					
Room #1		No	M			Poor	No	Poor	No	0 84 16	
Room #2		Yes	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	57 32 11	
Room #3		Yes	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	36 27 37	
Room #4		Yes	S			Poor	No	Poor	No	0 68 32	

BRIDGEPORT TOTAL -

(After New Courthouse Opened): 11(3)J 3(1)NJ
 Present Total: 10(4)

USAGE TOTAL:

(Based Upon Present
 Bridgeport Courthouse)

USABLE: 41 18 41
 NON-USABLE: 23 53 24

CONSOLIDATED COURTROOM SURVEY DATA

Court Room	Title	Jury	Size	Park ing	N'br Hood	Gen. Cond.	Air Cond.	Audi- bility	Audio Equip	% Use		
										J	NJ	Not
FAIRFIELD COUNTY (CONTINUED)												
Stamford												
Superior Court Bldg.	State			Fair	Fair	Good						
Room #1		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	27	39	34
Room #2		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	25	32	43
Room #3		Yes	M			Good	Yes	Good	No	34	20	46
1st Cir. Ct. -Sep. Bldg.	Leased			Poor	Fair	Good						
Room #1		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	5	66	29
Room #2		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	5	59	36
Room #3		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	23	41	36
Room #4		Yes	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	32	25	43
Room #5		No	S			Good	Yes	Good	No	0	9	91
										18	36	46
STAMFORD TOTAL:	6J	2NJ										
TOTAL USAGE:												
Norwalk												
1st Cir. -Police Bldg.	Leased			Good	Good	Fair						
Room #1		Yes	M			Fair	Yes	Good	No	9	64	27
Stratford												
2nd Cir. -Police Bldg.	Leased			Good	Good	Good						
Room #1		No	L			Good	Yes	Good	No	41	16	43
Danbury												
Danbury Courthouse	State			Poor	Fair	Fair						
Cir. Court		Yes	M			Fair	No	Poor	No	0	86	14
Sup. Court		Yes	S			Fair	No	Poor	No	46	11	43
COUNTY TOTAL-												
(Using New Bridgeport Courthouse):	20(3)J	6(1)NJ										
Present Total:	22(4)											
TOTAL USAGE-												
(Based Upon Present Bridgeport Courthouse):												
										30	29	41
										23	53	24

To further facilitate examination and evaluation of the information, the data from the immediately preceding tabular presentation is further digested into a town-by-town report of number of courtrooms on a presently usable or non-usable basis, and the percentage utilization of usable and non-usable courtrooms. In addition this information has been plotted upon a geographic map of the State. Both of these presentations follow.

SUMMARY OF COURTROOM FACILITIES AND UTILIZATION BY TOWN

	<u>Courtrooms*</u>		<u>% Use*</u>
	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>	
<u>LITCHFIELD COUNTY</u>			
Litchfield	2	--	34
Torrington	1	--	31
Winsted	1	--	50
New Milford	1	--	5
<u>NEW LONDON COUNTY</u>			
New London	(2)	(1)	(59)
Norwich	(3)	--	(32)
Groton	--	(1)	(16)
<u>TOLLAND COUNTY</u>			
Rockville	2	1(1)	43(7)
Stafford Springs	--	1	5
<u>WINDHAM COUNTY</u>			
Willimantic	3	--	10
Putnam	2	--	37
Danielson	1	--	34
<u>MIDDLESEX COUNTY</u>			
Middletown	2	2	56
<u>HARTFORD COUNTY</u>			
Hartford	9(2)	4(2)	52(67)
New Britain	5	--	56
West Hartford	1	1	66
Bristol	1	1	56
East Hartford	1	--	82
Manchester	--	(1)	(68)
Windsor	1	--	84

* Figures in parentheses indicate number of courtrooms considered unusable and the percentage of use of the courtrooms considered unusable.

SUMMARY OF COURTROOM FACILITIES AND UTILIZATION BY TOWN - Continued

	<u>Courtrooms*</u>		<u>% Use*</u>
	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>	
<u>NEW HAVEN COUNTY</u>			
New Haven	9(3)	2(1)	61(54)
Meriden	2	3	40
Milford	1	--	75
West Haven	2	--	74
Ansonia	1	--	57
Waterbury	3(2)	1(2)	40(69)
<u>FAIRFIELD COUNTY</u>			
Bridgeport	10(4)	--	59(76)
Stamford	6	2	54
Norwalk	1	--	73
Stratford	--	1	57
Danbury	2	--	71



On a county basis, the following observations may be drawn with respect to the courtroom facilities:

Litchfield County

The Court facilities in Litchfield County are generally considered to be adequate, although money should be expended to renovate the picturesque Litchfield County Courthouse and to replace or renovate the Circuit Court facilities in Torrington and Winsted. There is a significant amount of unused courtroom time available for the handling of business which might be assigned to the courts of Litchfield County from other counties.

New London County

Based upon the inadequacy of the facilities of the present New London Superior Court building and the shared City Hall building in Norwich as well as the Groton Circuit Court, and based upon the poor facilities provided to the Circuit Court in New London, it was felt that all courtrooms in New London County should be regarded as presently unusable since the courtrooms operate under a significant handicap to transact business efficiently. It may be possible to make the New London Superior Court building usable by renovations to this rather picturesque building and by the leasing of commercial space or the building of an addition to provide room for support personnel to the Court. The same is true with respect to the shared City Hall building in Norwich and the Circuit Court facilities in Groton.

The present facilities of the Tenth Circuit Court in New London are

considered totally inadequate and reflect poorly upon the Judicial System. A new facility should be sought.

It is noted that the Judicial Department has recommended the construction of a court facility in Preston and has received money for planning purposes only. There appears to remain some conflict as to the location of this court facility and no funds have been authorized for the actual construction of such a facility.

It can be seen that a considerable portion of the available courtroom time in New London County is unused so that it might be feasible to close the present Circuit Court facilities at the Police Building in New London and move its business into the Superior Court facility with the addition of leased space to augment the available courtrooms.

Tolland County

The new Superior Court building in Rockville appears to be a highly efficient facility which is not utilized as fully as it might be. In view of the poor condition of the Circuit Court facility in Rockville and of the Circuit Court facility in Stafford Springs, the business of these two facilities might be transferred to the Superior Court building.

Depending upon the assignments of Superior Court and Common Pleas judges, court business from other counties might be reassigned to make use of the available courtroom time at the Rockville courthouse.

Windham County

The facilities of the Superior Court and Common Pleas Court in the two courthouses at Willimantic and Putnam are quite good and are relatively unused. Consideration should be given to the closing of the Circuit Court facility in Willimantic and the transferring of its business to the Superior Court facility which is relatively unused, depending upon the number of Superior Court judges assigned to Windham County. The possibility of closing down the Circuit Court facility in Danielson and moving of its business to the Superior Court building in Putnam should also be considered.

Middlesex County

The Superior Court building in Middletown is considered to be a usable facility, but that of the Circuit Court is marginal. The options are to renovate the Circuit Court facility or to find an alternate location. Consolidation of the Circuit Court into the Superior Court building does not appear possible in view of the extensive usage of the two separate facilities.

Hartford County

The facilities of the Superior Court buildings in Hartford and New Britain are considered quite good. The Circuit Court facility in Hartford is totally inadequate and in poor condition; it should be replaced or consolidated with court facilities at another location. The analysis of courtroom utilization at the Superior Court building in Hartford indicates that it might be feasible to combine the business of the four courtrooms of the Circuit Court with the

business presently transacted at the Superior Court building if additional nearby space could be leased or purchased for support personnel.

The facilities at Manchester should be relocated or its business consolidated at another court location. The facility at West Hartford is presently inadequate for the court's business and consideration should be given to leasing of additional commercial space or additional space from the Town in order to make it an adequate facility.

It is noted that the Judicial Department has plans for the construction of a new Superior Court building in the city of Hartford which could enable the consolidation of present Circuit Court business in the present Superior Court building.

New Haven County

The facilities of the Circuit Court in New Haven are considered highly substandard and reflect poorly upon the Judicial System. It is planned that the Circuit Court will move into the present Superior Court building in New Haven as soon as the new Superior Court building has been occupied. No decision has been reached with respect to the temporary building presently being utilized by the Superior Court.

The facilities of Ansonia Circuit Court require renovation.

In Waterbury a new Superior Court building is presently under construction and should be completed in 1974. The present Circuit Court facilities are considered inadequate and should be extensively renovated and augmented

by the leasing of additional space. Alternatively they should be relocated.

Fairfield County

The new Superior Court building in Bridgeport should be ready for occupancy in 1974 thus providing a larger number of courtrooms for the transaction of business in Fairfield County. The Circuit Court facility in Bridgeport is a very poor, inadequate facility which should be replaced, or the business of this Court should be consolidated in the new Bridgeport Superior Court building in view of the fact that there would appear to be available courtroom time.

The Circuit Court facilities in Norwalk and the courthouse at Danbury should be renovated to bring them up to acceptable standards.

General Observations

Parking represents a significant problem at many of the court locations in the State. There is usually a limited amount of parking available for court personnel and sometimes jurors. However, parking for attorneys and litigants is frequently lacking, thus rendering the facilities inconvenient.

Audibility in the courtrooms is too often a problem, particularly in the busy Circuit Courtrooms; it is frequently impossible for court personnel and especially for spectators to hear what is being said at the front of the courtroom. Sound amplification equipment should be provided in essentially every courtroom to insure that all proceedings are audible to all those present in the courtroom. This amplification should not be limited to the judge's bench, which is frequently

the case; microphone pickups should be present at the witness box and at counsel tables, etc. Moreover the amplification equipment which was found is generally unused or inoperative.

Air conditioning should be provided at all court facilities to insure that the courtrooms may be comfortably used all year round. Opening of windows to provide cooling or circulation of air frequently increased the problems of audibility.

SUMMARY

Based upon the results of this survey, it is believed that it would be possible to consolidate court business into a lesser number of locations in some instances. New facilities are urgently required in certain towns, and some of the facilities can be rendered more usable by the leasing of additional space adjacent thereto for the use of court support personnel. Renovations are necessary in a number of locations to bring the court facilities to acceptable standards. Air conditioning should be provided in all courtrooms in order to insure comfortable usage during the summer months. Sound amplification is urgently required in many courtrooms to provide audibility.

Greater consideration should be given to the availability of adequate parking in the selection of courthouse sites.

Unified control over all courtrooms in the State should be ensured to enable efficient selection and utilization. The State Judicial Department should have complete control over the selection of facilities and locations.

There is a considerable amount of unused courtroom time available in the facilities of some of the counties, and consideration should be given to the transfer of court business from the more congested urban centers to such facilities.

Lastly, the Survey Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the industry of the State of Connecticut which volunteered expert personnel and keypunch and computer time and resources; to Southern New England Telephone Company which volunteered its trained real estate and building personnel; to the many citizens of the State who manned the courtrooms of the State during the week of October 1; and to the judges, clerks and other personnel of the Judicial Department for their valuable assistance.

Court Facility Study

The attached study of Superior, Common Pleas and Circuit Court room facilities is basically an inventory of physical plant with comments as to the study team impression of condition.

The study team feels that all court facilities should have a rating of "Good" in all categories. Any rating of "Fair" or "Poor" should be improved either by renovation or relocating the entire function to new facilities. The individual reports indicate where renovations are not considered feasible and relocation is recommended. In the situation where the court facilities are in good condition, or can be renovated, but support services are crowded, it is recommended that additional nearby space be leased, a temporary structure be added or a building addition constructed.

The designation "Acoustics" indicates the audibility of various rooms. In the court rooms it is the degree of difficulty in hearing the proceedings by the court personnel and/or the spectators. In the various other rooms such as judges' chambers, general office areas, etc., it indicates that the overall noise level is a detriment to efficient operation.

No attempt was made to determine if the size of rooms are adequate to handle the necessary work load, hence, the heading "Total Capacity" only indicates the amount of furniture found in the various rooms to seat people. The heading "Adequacy of Furnishing" indicates the condition.

Public address systems only indicate the existence of equipment and not necessarily that it is used or operative.

Areas housing mechanical equipment such as boiler rooms, fan rooms, service courts, electrical switch gear room, etc. are not recorded in this study but are shown on the floor plans if the entire building is used for court functions.

The following key has been used to identify room finishes:

P	Plaster	C	Carpet
B	Brick	P.H.	Partial Height
BL	Block	G.B.	Gypsum Board
W	Wood	G	Glass
R.T.	Resilient Tile	V.C.	Vinyl Wall Covering
Ac.T.	Acoustic Tile	L	Linoleum
		T	Terrazzo



F—Used all day
P—Used half day
J—Used for jury
N—Not used
H—Holiday

COURTROOM USAGE

FOR OCTOBER 1973

COURTHOUSE	COURT-ROOM	COURT	October												October										Percent Usage										
			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	Jury	Non-Jury	Non-Use							
<u>LITCHFIELD COUNTY</u>																																			
Litchfield Cthse.	Sup	Sup	N	F	F	P	F	H	FJ	F	F	P	N	FJ	F	F	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	9	38	53
--	CP	CP	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	PJ	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	FJ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	20	0	80	
Torrington #18	1	Cir	P	P	N	P	N	H	JF	N	N	N	N	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	PJ	N	F	N	F	N	P	N	N	6	25	69		
Winsted #18	1	Cir	N	P	N	N	P	H	N	JF	JF	JF	N	N	N	FJ	FJ	N	FJ	FJ	N	FJ	N	F	N	F	N	N	N	N	36	14	50		
New Milford #3	1	Cir	N	N	N	N	P	H	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	9	91		
																											14	17	69						
<u>TOLLAND COUNTY</u>																																			
Rockville #12	1	Cir	N	P	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	7	93		
Rockville Cthse.	Sup	Sup	N	N	F	F	P	H	F	N	N	F	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	P	N	N	FJ	FJ	P	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	N	29	25	46			
--	CP	CP	N	N	F	P	N	H	N	P	P	P	N	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	FJ	PJ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	14	70			
Stafford Springs #12	1	Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	5	95		
																											11	13	76						
<u>NEW LONDON COUNTY</u>																																			
New London #10	1	Cir	P	N	P	F	F	H	P	P	F	P	F	P	F	F	P	P	N	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	0	68	32			
New London Cthse.	Sup	Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JP	H	JF	JF	JP	JF	N	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	N	N	FJ	P	P	N	P	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	55	11	34			
--	CP	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	JF	JP	JF	N	N	FJ	PJ	N	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	43	0	57		
Norwich Cthse	Sup	Sup	N	P	N	P	F	H	F	F	P	P	N	N	F	F	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	36	64			
--	CP	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	2	98			
--	Cir	Cir	P	P	P	P	F	H	F	F	P	P	F	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	PJ	PJ	F	F	F	F	F	P	N	5	52	43			
Groton #10	1	Cir	N	F	N	N	N	H	P	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	F	N	N	N	N	0	16	84			
																											15	26	59						
<u>MIDDLESEX COUNTY</u>																																			
Middletown Cthse.	1	Sup	N	P	P	F	P	H	F	F	F	P	N	N	F	F	FJ	P	N	N	N	FJ	FJ	F	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	23	43	34			
--	2	CP	N	N	N	N	P	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	F	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	9	11	80			
* --	Other	--	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	F	P	N	N	0	9	91			
Middletown #9		Cir	F	F	JP	F	JF	H	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	P	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	7	86	7			
--		Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	FJ	N	N	N	N	N	N	43	0	57									
																											21	35	44						
<u>WINDHAM COUNTY</u>																																			
Putnam Cthse.	12	Sup	N	JF	JF	P	P	H	F	F	F	F	N	F	F	F	F	N	N	FJ	FJ	F	N	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	27	46	27				
--	15	Sup	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	100			
Willimantic Cthse.	Sup	Sup	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	100			
--	CP	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	100			
Danielson #11	1	Cir	F	N	P	P	P	H	N	N	N	P	F	N	N	N	F	F	N	N	N	N	P	F	N	N	N	N	0	34	66				
Willimantic #11	1	Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	P	P	JF	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	N	N	F	P	N	N	N	5	25	70				
																											5	17	78						

F — Used all day
 P — Used half day
 J — Used for jury
 N — Not used
 H — Holiday

COURTROOM USAGE FOR OCTOBER 1973

COURTHOUSE	COURT-ROOM	COURT	COURTROOM USAGE																												Percent Usage		
			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	Jury	Non-Jury	Non-Jury					
HARTFORD COUNTY																																	
New Britain Ctse	1	Sup	N	N	JF	JF	P	H	JF	JF	JF	F	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	F	N	N	FJ	PJ	F	N	FJ	FJ	52	16	32					
--	2	Sup	N	JF	N	N	N	H	F	N	F	F	N	F	F	F	F	N	N	F	F	F	F	F	N	5	55	40					
--	3	CP	N	N	F	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	PJ	PJ	FJ	N	N	N	PJ	PJ	FJ	N	FJ	FJ	27	5	68					
Manchester #12	1	Cir	F	N	F	P	P	H	P	F	F	P	F	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	P	F	F	F	P	0	68	32					
East Hartford #12	1	Cir	P	F	JF	N	F	H	JF	JF	JP	F	F	FJ	FJ	FJ	F	P	P	FJ	FJ	P	P	FJ	PJ	46	36	18					
Windsor #13	1	Cir	F	P	F	F	P	H	JF	JF	JF	P	FJ	FJ	PJ	FJ	P	F	P	F	F	P	F	F	F	29	55	16					
Hartford #14	1	Cir	F	P	F	F	P	H	F	F	P	F	F	F	F	F	P	P	P	F	F	P	F	F	F	0	77	23					
--	2	Cir	F	F	P	P	P	H	P	F	F	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	F	P	P	0	66	34					
--	3	Cir	JF	JP	JF	P	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	P	F	F	P	P	P	N	F	P	F	PJ	N	14	34	52					
--	4	Cir	F	JF	JP	JF	P	H	JF	JP	F	P	PJ	FJ	FJ	FJ	FJ	N	P	FJ	F	N	P	FJ	48	27	25						
75 Elm Street #14	1	Cir	N	N	N	F	N	H	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	N	N	F	F	F	N	P	P	0	45	55					
* Other #14		Cir	P	N	F	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	N	N	0	11	89					
New Britain #15	1	Cir	F	N	F	F	P	H	F	F	F	P	F	F	F	F	P	F	P	F	F	N	F	F	F	0	82	18					
--	2	Cir	P	F	P	F	F	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	P	N	P	N	N	P	F	F	0	43	57					
--	3	Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	F	N	N	N	F	F	N	N	N	0	18	82					
West Hartford #16	1	Cir	F	JF	P	F	F	H	F	F	F	P	F	F	P	F	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	FJ	9	57	34					
Bristol #17	1	Cir	F	P	P	P	P	H	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	F	F	P	0	61	39					
--	2	Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	P	N	N	P	FJ	FJ	FJ	FJ	PJ	F	P	FJ	FJ	PJ	F	N	N	32	16	52					
Hartford Ctse	Crim 1	Sup	N	F	JF	JF	F	H	F	F	F	F	N	F	F	F	P	N	N	F	F	P	N	F	F	9	64	27					
--	Crim 2	Sup	N	F	N	N	JF	H	JF	JF	JP	JF	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	F	N	N	F	FJ	F	N	F	FJ	43	34	23					
--	Crim 3	Sup	N	F	N	JP	P	H	JF	N	JF	JF	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	N	N	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	N	FJ	FJ	52	7	41					
--	Jury 4	Sup	N	F	P	F	F	H	P	N	F	F	N	F	P	F	F	N	N	P	F	F	N	P	F	0	59	41					
--	Jury 5	Sup	N	N	N	P	P	H	F	F	F	F	N	F	F	F	F	N	N	F	F	F	N	F	F	0	64	36					
--	Jury 6	Sup	N	JF	F	JF	JP	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	PJ	N	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	N	FJ	FJ	73	0	27					
--	Jury 7	Sup	N	N	JP	N	JF	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	FJ	FJ	FJ	N	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	N	FJ	FJ	59	0	41					
--	Jury 8	Sup	N	JF	JF	N	F	H	JF	N	JP	JP	N	N	PJ	PJ	PJ	N	N	N	PJ	N	N	P	P	30	9	61					
--	South	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	JP	JF	JP	JP	N	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	N	N	FJ	FJ	PJ	N	FJ	PJ	41	0	59					
--	East	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	P	N	P	F	F	P	N	N	F	P	N	F	F	F	0	34	66					
--	North	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	JP	JF	JF	JP	N	PJ	PJ	FJ	N	N	N	N	FJ	PJ	N	FJ	FJ	39	0	61					
--	Hearing		N	P	N	F	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	7	93					
--	Other		N	P	P	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	5	95					
Trinity Street		Sup	N	P	N	P	P	H	N	N	P	P	N	P	P	F	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	30	70					
--		CP	N	F	P	F	N	H	F	F	N	F	F	F	F	F	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	0	55	45					
														19	34	47																	

F — Used all day
P — Used half day
J — Used for jury
N — Not used
H — Holiday

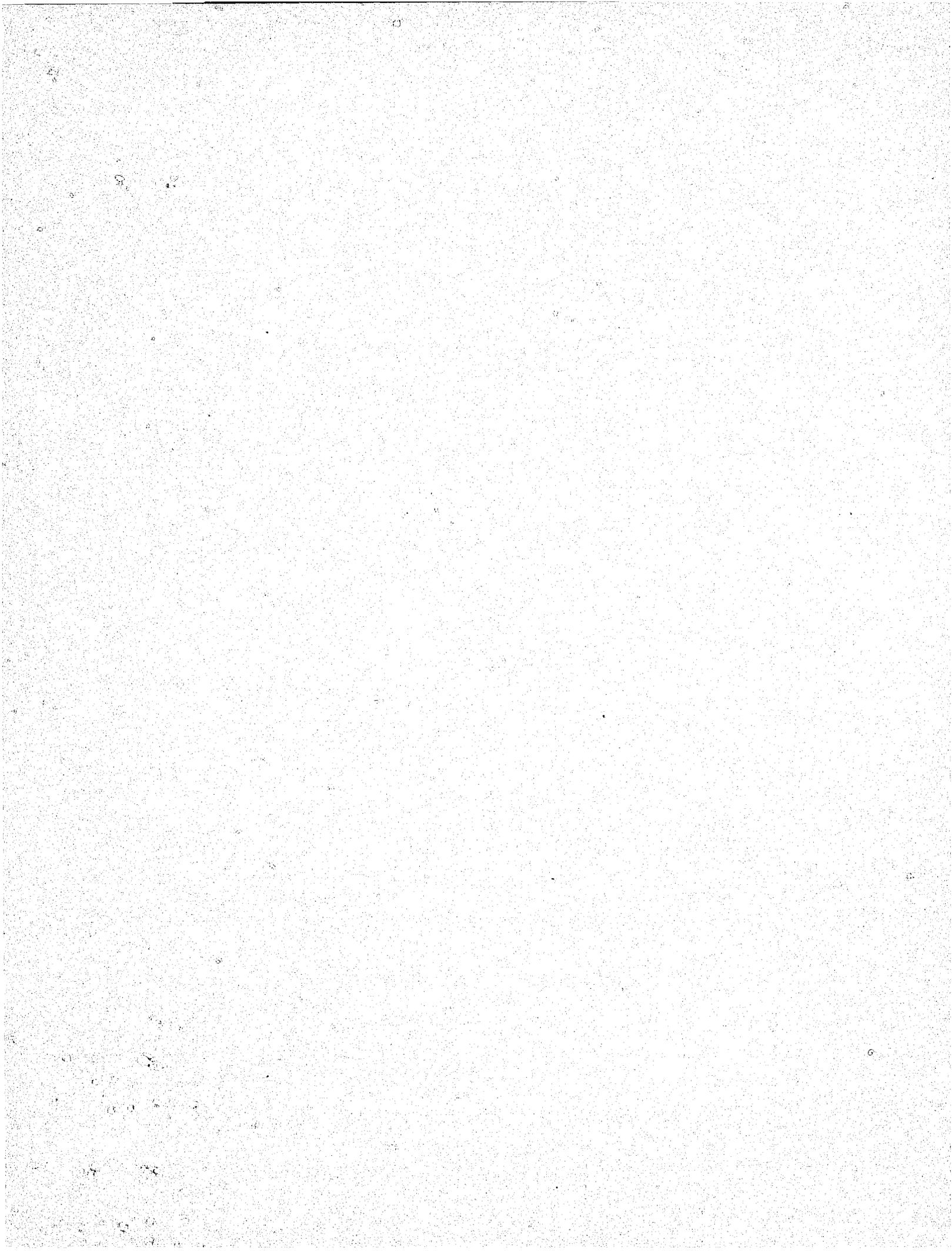
COURTROOM USAGE

FOR OCTOBER 1973

COURTHOUSE	COURT-ROOM	COURT	October												October										Percent Usage			
			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	Jury	Non-Jury	Non-Use
New Haven Ctchse # 2		Sup	F	F	N	F	F	H	F	F	F	P	N	F	F	F	P	N	N	F	F	P	N	F	F	0	70	30
-- #11		Sup	N	F	JF	JF	F	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JP	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	66	9	25
-- #15		Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JP	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JP	JF	JF	N	N	N	N	JF	JF	N	F	F	55	9	36
-- #34		Sup	N	N	JF	JF	N	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	36	0	64
-- #43		Sup	N	JP	JF	N	JP	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	68	0	32
-- #47		Sup	N	P	P	JP	JF	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	N	N	N	N	JF	JF	52	5	43
-- #48		Sup	N	F	F	P	P	H	F	F	N	N	N	F	JF	JF	JF	N	N	F	F	JF	N	F	F	18	46	36
-- # 4		CP	N	F	F	JF	N	H	F	P	F	F	P	F	F	F	F	N	N	F	P	F	N	F	F	4	66	30
-- #16		CP	N	JP	JF	JF	JF	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JP	N	N	JF	JF	P	N	JF	JF	68	2	30
New Haven Annex	10	Sup	N	N	N	N	N	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JP	JF	N	N	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	57	0	43
--	12	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	JP	JF	N	JF	JF	34	0	66
--	Other	--	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	0	2	98
Waterbury Ctchse	1	Sup	N	F	F	F	P	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	JF	F	N	JF	JF	50	25	25
--	2	Sup	N	F	N	JF	N	H	JF	JF	JF	F	N	N	N	N	F	N	N	JF	JF	F	N	N	N	27	16	55
--	Jury	CP	JF	N	N	JF	P	H	JP	JF	JP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	P	F	N	F	F	16	23	61
--	NJ	CP	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	100
Waterbury #4	1	Cir	N	N	N	N	P	H	F	F	F	P	F	F	P	F	P	P	F	F	JF	P	P	P	F	5	59	36
--	2	Cir	P	F	JF	JP	JF	H	JF	JF	JF	N	P	P	F	F	N	P	JP	JF	F	N	F	JF	JF	41	32	27
Ansonia #5	2	Cir	N	N	N	N	P	H	F	F	F	P	F	P	F	N	N	F	F	F	N	F	F	N	N	0	57	43
Milford #5	Old	Cir	N	JF	P	N	N	H	N	N	N	N		JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	23	2	75
--	New	Cir	N	F	F	JF	JF	H	P	P	N	P		F	F	N	P	F	JF	JF	JF	JF	P	F	JF	32	43	25
NewHaven #6	Crim	Cir	F	F	P	F	JP	H	F	F	P	P	F	P	F	F	P	P	F	F	F	P	P	F	F	2	78	20
--	Traffic	Cir	N	P	P	F	P	H	F	F	F	P	P	P	P	F	F	P	P	P	F	P	P	N	F	0	66	34
--	Civil	Cir	P	N	JP	JF	N	H	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	F	F	7	50	43
--	Hearing	Cir	N	N	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	N	P	N	P	N	N	P	N	N	0	14	86
Meriden #7	1	Cir	N	P	N	P	P	H	JF	JF	JF	N	F	P	N	P	N	P	N	P	N	N	F	N	N	14	25	61
--	2	Cir	N	F	P	P	P	H	N	N	N	P	F	N	N	F	F	P	F	P	P	P	F	P	P	0	52	48
--	3	Cir	N	JF	N	N	N	H	N	N	N	P	F	N	N	P	N	P	F	P	N	N	N	JF	P	9	20	71
West Haven #8	West	Cir	P	F	P	N	P	H	F	F	JF	F	F	F	JF	JF	JF	F	F	F	P	F	P	JF	JF	23	61	16
--	East	Cir	P	F	JP	P	P	H	N	JP	N	P	F	JF	JF	JP	F	P	JP	JF	JF	N	P	JF	JF	36	27	37
																										19	32	49

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Bridgeport Ctchse	Crim 1	Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JP	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JP	JF	JF	JP	N	N	JP	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	68	0	32
--	Crim 2	Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	H	JP	JP	JP	JP	N	JP	JP	N	JP	N	N	JP	JP	JP	N	JP	JP	45	0	55
--	25	CP	N	F	F	F	F	H	P	F	P	F	N	F	F	F	JP	N	N	JF	JF	P	N	N	F	11	53	36
--	26	Sup	N	F	F	F	P	H	JF	P	P	JP	N	JP	N	F	JP	N	N	JP	JF	P	N	F	F	18	36	46
--	Jury 1	Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	N	JF	N	N	JF	JF	JF	N	JP	JP	68	0	32
--	2	Sup	N	JF	JF	N	JF	H	F	N	F	F	N	F	F	N	F	N	N	JF	JF	JP	N	JP	P	27	30	43
--	3	Sup	N	JF	JF	JF	JP	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	JF	JP	N	JF	N	68	0	32
--	58	CP	N	JF	JF	JF	N	H	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	P	N	N	N	JP	JF	JP	N	JP	JP	55	2	43
Stratfield Motor Inn		CP	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	H	JF	JP	JF	JF	N	JF	JF	JF	JF	N	N	JF	N	N	N	N	N	57	0	43
City Council Chambers		Sup	N	F	F	N	F	H	P	F	P	P	N	N	P	F	F	N	N	F	P	F	N	F	F	0	57	43
Danbury Ctchse		Sup	N	F	JF	JF	P	H	JP	JP	JF	JP	N	JP	JF	JF	P	N	N	JP	JP	P	N	JF	JF	46	11	43



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