

**FJC Courtroom Use Study
Final Report Technical Appendices**

Technical Appendix Seven

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When we first envisioned this technical appendix, we planned to describe the components of the study's quality control process, which include:

- the data recording prompts and constraints built into the data recording software (DISCUS);
- the training and materials provided for the data recorders;
- the briefings provided to judges, court staff, and district liaisons;
- the support system provided to the study courts and data recorders;
- comparison of the study data to external data sources (JS-10 data; GAO data);
- the Independent Observation Study; and
- monitoring of the recorded data and resolution of any detected anomalies.

In preparing this technical appendix we realized that the general information we intended to include here is already provided in the study report, particularly in sections II through V and Appendices 4, 5, and 6. Technical Appendices 5, 6, and 9 also provide information about steps taken to ensure the quality of the study data. The one component not already discussed in detail elsewhere in the report is the process of monitoring the recorded data. We have fully documented this process, but the documentation is very technical and highly detailed and thus is not included here.