

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

RESOLUTION

The Judicial Conference of the United States notes with deepest appreciation the extraordinary performance and exemplary dedication to the administration of justice of the federal court personnel who are working to help the affected courts recover from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

The Conference expresses special thanks to the judges and court employees of the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits who have suffered great personal loss but continue to work tirelessly to restore court operations. The Conference also recognizes the extraordinary efforts of the chief judges and their staffs who have displayed remarkable leadership under the most difficult of circumstances. The courage, commitment, and hard work of the court personnel in these locations have enabled the affected courts to continue to serve the public—some in their own courthouses and others in temporary quarters—and help to hasten the return of those courts to normal operations.

The Conference also would like to acknowledge the fine work and generosity of the entire federal court family. Across the country, judges, court employees, and Administrative Office staff members have devoted countless hours to assisting their colleagues in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, and many are also supplying personal financial and other assistance to hurricane victims.

Finally, on behalf of the entire federal judiciary the Judicial Conference pledges support and encouragement for the ongoing recovery effort and offers the deepest sympathy to everyone who has lost family, friends, homes, or livelihood in this terrible disaster. The Conference acknowledges with pride the federal judiciary's response to the challenges of recovery—a response that shows firm determination and a strong, cooperative spirit.