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IACP Policy Framework for Improved Community-Police Engagement

While significant progress has been made in policing in recent years, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) agrees that much work remains to be done. As elected officials begin to work on police-related legislation, such as the Justice in Policing Act, we look forward to working with members of the U.S. House and Senate and the Administration to pass meaningful legislation that will have a positive impact on policing and enhance the public's trust and faith in the profession. As the discussions continue regarding police reform, the IACP offers the following framework of key policy considerations.

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Risky Drinking Can Put a Chill on Your Summer Fun

Summer is typically a wonderful season for outdoor activities and spending additional time with family and friends. For some people, these activities include drinking alcoholic beverages. In light of the coronavirus pandemic as well as the negative consequences associated with drinking, it is particularly important this summer to take measures to protect your own health and that of your loved ones.

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WSWA Issues Guidance for Smart and Responsible Alcohol Delivery Regulation

In the wake of an increased need to meet consumer demand for doorstep convenience, states and localities are expanding delivery to different channels. The Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA) offers guidelines to policy makers in order to promote smart and responsible practices. Today, WSWA issued the following public position statement on delivery:

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ABL Statement on States Re-closing Bars and Taverns

“Governors, legislators, mayors and other government officials must understand that bars and taverns absolutely cannot close and reopen at the flip of a switch, and they cannot afford to invest in the supplies, products and people needed to reopen only to be closed again right away. If they are to survive, they need a level playing field with other hospitality businesses, regulatory certainty so they can develop COVID-19 business plans, and economic support from policymakers if shutdowns are to continue.”

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Bar Lives Matter Protests Are Erupting All Over Texas

As cars zoomed down Division Street on a recent Sunday afternoon, some honked in support of protesters, while others slowed down long enough to let fly a low-speed angry rant. On either side of the stretch of Arlington known as Dive Bar Alley, a smattering of business owners, employees, and loyal patrons held signs while enduring oven-like temperatures. Similar scenes replayed throughout Texas, as supporters of the bar business took to the streets to speak out against Gov. Abbott's recent shutdown of the state's entire industry.

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Alaska to Pilot Grand Jury Proceedings via Teleconference

In August, prospective jurors in Western Alaska will start receiving questionnaires about their Internet access and comfort with computers. Answering correctly could make them Alaska's first Internet jurors. Courts in rural Western Alaska will soon begin a test project **allowing grand jury proceedings by teleconference**. Jurors comfortable with computers and with appropriate Internet connections will be allowed to complete their jury service from home.

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Utah bars, lawmakers push for change to liquor laws amid pandemic

There are two specific things being targeted by businesses that they are hoping to change: One, to allow for curbside pickup or delivery of beer from grocery stores, and two, to-go mixed drinks from bars.

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Arkansas shuts down bar after linking it to virus cases

Arkansas health officials have shut down a Little Rock bar after tracing it to a cluster of coronavirus cases and finding the business wasn't complying with virus safety measures.

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International: Kazakhstan launches mobile app to fight illicit alcohol

A mobile app has been rolled out in Kazakhstan to help the government crack down on the trade in counterfeit and otherwise illegal alcohol. The new app – called e-Sapa – was developed by the Kazakh National Information Technologies Agency (NITEC) and can be used to check the legality of alcoholic products by scanning a barcode on tax stamps bearing 2D datamatrix or PDF-417 stacked linear barcodes, or entering the data manually.

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Newly formed “strike teams” of state inspectors contacted thousands of businesses over the long Independence Day weekend but issued citations to a relative few as they enforced coronavirus restrictions amid a resurging pandemic.

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Iowa becomes first state to permanently legalize cocktails to-go

The coronavirus pandemic has upended the way Americans wine and dine -- and now, Iowa has become the first state in the nation to permanently legalize the sale of cocktails to-go.

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SPECIAL PANDEMIC PROBLEMS IN RURAL JURISDICTIONS: A TIME FOR JUDICIAL OUTREACH

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The SARS-CoV-2 virus has upended court systems across the country. Rural courts are uniquely affected because the virus struck when our rural communities were already under great strain. In this article, I illustrate some of those strains and how they have been insidiously increased by the pandemic. Finally I suggest some ways in which traffic court judges—or any judge interested in wellness and prevention—might consider some new ideas about how we can conduct outreach to those users of judicial services as well as the rural communities at large.

When the SARS-CoV-2 virus became a worldwide pandemic, rural America was already in the midst of an epidemic: the opioid crisis. From drug-impaired driving to burglaries to international crime syndicates, numerous rural communities were at risk of losing their very identities to painkillers. This didn't change with the onslaught of the virus; it simply was no longer news. The cases and the suspects/defendants/offenders/clients are still there. How to provide them with due process, jury trials and appropriate monitoring are now all the more complicated.

First, a backlog of cases is growing. As chief justices and other supervisory adjudicators across the country have vastly reduced court schedules and virtually eliminated jury trials, the pending matters on our dockets increase daily. Tackling the backlog, as we must, will necessarily take away judicial hours for outreach activities, and will present additional challenges in the monitoring of treatment court participants. We simply are going to have less available time.

Monitoring treatment court participants is significantly harder in the pandemic. It is commonly known that rural areas lack broadband connectivity. While we may have the capability to use web applications for judicial supervision and monitoring of treatment court participants, or even holding court, it becomes much more challenging when the

community is not served with the necessary infrastructure or if the population is unable to afford or access it.

This lack of connectivity may lead to a breakdown in peer-to-peer recovery support in our treatment court settings. As judges we rely on these networks as part of a participant's supervision plan to facilitate successful outcomes and adhere participants to individuals who have experienced successful outcomes.

Rural housing stock—tenuous for the court-involved population in the best of times—may become even more problematic. Homelessness, which has long languished in popular media as an urban phenomenon, may increase in the countryside. Should these offenders become more peripatetic, additional resources will be necessary to keep tabs on them for the court.

The economic collapse and unprecedented increase in unemployment may lead to food scarcity and hunger, as it has already done in several urban settings. Increased poverty, hunger, and other economic barriers can only further damage the health of the treatment court population, who have already intersected the judicial branch by way of substance addiction disorders, and, in many instances, co-occurring mental health diagnoses.

These factors may lead more of the court-involved population into the rural health care system, a system which, prior to the pandemic, was groaning under the weight of the opioid epidemic. The spectre of a homeless, unhealthy, substance-abusing population, unable to access healthcare, can only mean more intersections with the criminal justice system and the local jails.

A parallel collapse in state revenues has mirrored the unprecedented rise in unemployment. As states look to trim their budgets, past evidence suggests that they will look to the judicial branches for draconian cuts. We have no lobbyists.

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NHTSA: Impaired Driving Update July 2020



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Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization

The national enforcement mobilization “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” will take place August 19 thru September 7, 2020. The high-visibility enforcement (HVE) mobilization works to increase the message of the dangers of impaired driving and increase enforcement of impaired driving laws. The campaigns included in the mobilization: *Drive High- Get a DUI*, *If You Feel Different You Drive Different*, *Drive High Get a DUI*, *Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

- August 19–September 7, 2020: Paid media advertisement
- August 26–September 7, 2020: National enforcement mobilization
- Find materials [HERE](#)



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