

# LCAA NEWSLETTER

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## 2019 ANNUAL NACM CONFERENCE

Las Vegas, Nevada

Thanks to our association I was able to attend the annual NACM Conference in Las Vegas. Once again I walked away with insight of the many issues we face in our day to day work environment. *Sara Brumfield*

Below are some of the quotes from our Louisiana Administrators who were able to attend the conference

### JULIA SPEAR

“I most enjoyed the session on NACM resources, such as the CORE curriculum and the Plain Language Guide. I was not aware of the wealth of resources NACM offers and I have used some of these resources since I returned from the conference. The session on cybersecurity and the dark web was sobering. The session on Municipal Courts: Promoting the Rule of Law was especially interesting to me as I served on the National Center for State Courts committee that developed the video used in the presentation. I appreciate that many of the conference sessions were recorded and are available on the NACM website, so I will be able to watch the sessions I could not attend.

I also enjoyed spending time with my Louisiana colleagues! “

### MICHELLE PITTSCH

“I really enjoyed attending my first NACM conference!!! I enjoyed each of the sessions I attended as I am new and felt they each offered learning opportunities for me. My favorite session was the “Cybersecurity and the Dark Web” session along with the follow up session given by Mark Lanterman. My second favorite session was the “Why they kill” the courts role in preventing violentization” given by Lonnie Athens, Giuseppe Fazari and Collins Ijoma. The content of these sessions was very interesting and informative. I really liked having the entire conference on the NACM app as opposed to paper handouts and schedules. I appreciate the opportunity to rate the speakers and sessions within the app. The meeting room layout was easy to navigate. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my first NACM conference and look forward to attending more in the future.”



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## HOPE LAFLEUR

“As always, the NACM Annual Conference did not disappoint! The plenary and breakout sessions proved to be helpful in every aspect of our functions as a court administrator. I was excited to attend one of the NACM Core Competencies, “Governance in Today’s Courts”. It addressed struggles with management / administrative departments, that deal with the day-to-day business of the court system. I took back information as to how to deal with all stakeholders, who may not be familiar with the courts functions and also how to convey the “purpose” of the judicial system. This is extremely important when funding is an issue!

A session that really caught my attention addressed, is that the main reason good employees leave is due to the insufficient performance feedback. Value the employees you have and LET THEM KNOW they are appreciated. I took back helpful hints to share with my judges!!

If the opportunity doesn’t present itself to attend NACM, go out and look for a way to attend, you won’t regret it! It was refreshing to network with court administrators from many different states who share the same obstacles as we do here in Louisiana!”

## LAVONYA MALVEAUX

“The 2019 NACM conference was a great refresher for me as many of the sessions I attended (plenary and break-out) reminded me of the need to be vigilant as it relates to cyber security with the court. However, the most intriguing session I attended was the one entitled, "Autonomous/Networked Vehicles: Impact on Courts and Government". This session assessed the impact that "self-driving" vehicles may have on the courts, local, and state governments. Implications - though not in our administrative lifetimes - include adverse effects on caseloads and court revenue collections, elimination of limited jurisdiction courts, loss of funding for courts and law enforcement. Additionally, an increase of these "networked" vehicles could result in a decrease of traffic controls.”



Julia / Sara / Michelle

## ***2020 LCAA Workshop***

***NACM Speaker - Mark Lanterman***  
***“Cybersecurity - Dark Web”***

***March 17 - 19, 2020***

***Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday***

***Southern Hotel – Covington***

## TIM LEGER

“This year, I attended my 6<sup>th</sup> NACM conference. As expected, it brought me new insight on how to be an effective Court Manager. While I found various workshops fascinating, I personally enjoyed the opening plenary “Bridging the Gap with the People We Serve” and its follow up session. Since I have been working away at this job for 18+ years, it is very easy to slide into an “Us versus them” mentality. My court has graciously allowed me to be a member of NACM and attend its various functions. So whenever I am able to attend these workshops, I am able to come back to the grind just a little bit more focused and refreshed.”

## RANORD DARENSBURG

“I was very impressed by this year’s NACM Annual meeting in Las Vegas. As a relatively new Judicial Administrator, attending NACM conferences provides me with a larger understanding and appreciation for court administration. NACM has consistently provided valuable information and resources that I have been able to utilize in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. I found the 2019 NACM annual conference both educational and enlightening. I was able to participate in sessions that updated my knowledge on issues such as court governance and maintaining public confidence in the court. One of the most impactful sessions for me dealt with the decriminalization of mental illness. NACM never disappoints in providing topical and relevant information that is practical and useful. I am eager to participate in the planning and organization of the 2020 NACM Annual Conference in New Orleans. “

## YOLANDA JOHNSON

“As is usual, the 2019 annual NACM conference provided relevant information that is immediately useful to our court. The breakout sessions included innovative strategies and practices to improve court operations and results. As always, I was energized and excited to bring back the knowledge and information from the conference. NACM has been a valuable resource. I look forward to seeing my friends and colleagues for more learning in New Orleans in 2020.”



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