

## STATE OF MISSOURI FAMILY COURT, 31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Dear Mr. Kalmanoff:

The purpose of this letter is to express my most sincere appreciation to you and your team members who participated in the preparation of the Criminal Justice System Assessment Study for the Greene County Commission on May 6, 2003.

As the new Family Court Administrator for the Family Court Juvenile Division, I found the report to be thorough, detailed and well written. The findings of the study identified specific strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for each department and division. The information and statistical data contained therein were applicable to our city and county. These efforts demonstrated a serious commitment from your staff to present to the County Commissioners relevant information pertaining to its target audience.

In addition, the recommendations for change were thought provoking and it caused me to stop and analyze both short and long-term goals for the Family Court. I am, however, happy to report that Presiding Judge Sweeney organized five committees to address their respective sections of the report

In closing, please know that I am extremely satisfied with the results of the final report. I continue to utilize the study as a measuring tool to guide me in my decision making process. Again, thank you for your professionalism and expertise. The Greene County Commission certainly made the best decision in choosing your company to conduct said study.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (417) 829-6104.

Professionally submitted,

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Family Court Administrator