



Public Engagement Pilot Projects



IRB Number #19412

Study Title: Research and Evaluation of Courts Public Engagement Pilot Projects (PEPP)

Dear participant in a PEPP engagement,

Thank you for taking part in one of the public engagements held by PEPP teams (<https://ncsc.org/pilots>). We are seeking to understand how to use public engagement activities to improve the courts and public trust by evaluating these public engagement activities/events. To answer additional research questions based on the outcomes of the program evaluation of the public engagement activities, our team of researchers will further analyze the data from the evaluation surveys. There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this research.

The de-identified data collected from the pilot evaluation processes will be shared with researchers (e.g., from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Michigan State University) to conduct secondary data analysis for specific research purposes. The data will have all identifiers such as emails removed, be kept confidential, and be kept on a secure server only accessible to the researchers. Results may be reported at conferences or in journal articles in summary form and will not identify any individuals.

- For research related questions: Contact Lisa PytlikZillig, lpytlikz@nebraska.edu; Mark DeKraai, mdekraai@nebraska.edu, or phone at 402-472-5678
- Questions concerning your rights or complaints about the research: Contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB), irb@unl.edu, or phone at 402-472-6965

If you complete the evaluation activities for the public engagement and submit your survey answers to the researchers, you are consenting to let the researchers use that data in their additional secondary data analysis for research purposes.

If you withdraw participation from the public engagement activities, you also withdraw from being in the secondary data analysis conducted for research purposes. This will not affect your relationship with the investigator or with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Center for State Courts, or the people holding the engagement, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are entitled.

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