

Chief Judge John G. Heyburn II
Proposed Opening Remarks
Management in the Judiciary: Rules, Tools, and Tips of Good Stewardship
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I appreciate the opportunity to be here today at the fourth session of the Stewardship Workshops for unit executives. I am here today primarily in my capacity as Chair of the Budget Committee of the Judicial Conference. I am also the Chief Judge for the Western District of Kentucky and have had the good fortune to have the support of our Clerk, Jeff Apperson. *Patrick Craig - Probate*

I came to my job as a judge in 1992 from a private law practice. Frankly, I didn't know what to expect by way of ability and work ethic of the employees of The Third Branch. ~~Government employees (including judges, in fact) are not always held in the highest esteem in the private sector, especially when it comes to such values as hard work and concern for the taxpayers' wallet.~~ Well, I am pleased and proud to be able to say that my 10 years plus experience (including 8 on the Budget Committee) has shown me that the American people can and should be proud of our public servants in the judicial branch. Devotion to duty, eagerness for innovation, and attention to fiscal responsibility are all values I have seen lived out over and over again, in our court in Kentucky, at the Administrative Office, and among judges and their staffs. I believe we have a cadre of professionals in the judiciary which is second to none. We have a good thing going and