

JURIES AND JURY TRIALS

The jury trial has long held an honored place in our legal system. However, recent years have seen a significant decline in the number of jury trials (particularly civil juries) in both state and federal courts. The impact of this development on our system has caused great concern to bars. In response, bars have begun programs to address problems with the jury system and bring it into the 21st Century.

Two of the best sources of information for these efforts can be found at:

1. American Jury Project located at <http://www.abanet.org/juryprojectstandards/home.html>
2. National Center for State Courts Center for Jury Studies located at http://www.ncsconline.org/D_R_eseach/cjs/.