

# Building a Strong Court Partnership for Eviction Prevention

## Speaking the Court's Language

**What do you know about eviction procedure and policy in the courts?**

What are the key terms & timeline steps of the court?  
Is there a dedicated or unified housing court? Rotating judges? Single clerk/admin for housing court?  
Is it still virtual or hybrid? In the court?

## Know the Status Quo with Data & Observations

**Can you prepare with research on what's actually happening at court?**

Can you access data about filing rates, outcomes, length of process, settlement rate, etc?  
Can you determine what agreements/ laws would allow more data sharing?  
Can you observe court, to see how the hearings and settlement conferences work in practice?  
Can you compare the local data & court observations to national standards?

## Court Contacts, Workshops, Events

**What do you know about court stakeholders?**

What do you know about state court leadership and their interest in eviction prevention and A2J? Can you get profiles & contacts?  
Who are your local Judges, Administrators, Judicial Clerks, Court Clerks, Self Help Staff, Access to Justice Commissioners, or State Supreme Court Justices?  
Can you invite them to meetings or run a design workshop w/them?

## Sending the Right Message

**How can you frame Eviction Prevention in court-friendly terms: neutrality, following precedent, efficiency, equal access to justice?**

Do you have other judges, lawyers, others to show 'there is precedent'  
Who are community-minded landlords/landlord attorneys that could be part of a coalition to show neutrality?  
Who are other local bar or judiciary leaders who can drive this forward?  
What materials can you share with them?

## Next Steps to take to build court partnerships on eviction prevention

