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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Court Judges, Court Administrators
FROM: Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson
DATE: November 16, 2017
RE: Uniform Commitment Order

Act 98 (HB 204) of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session changes current law by removing the requirement that the court provide a copy of the court minutes to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) and instead requires the court to provide a certified copy of the Uniform Sentencing Commitment Order in the format authorized by the Louisiana Supreme Court. The provision further authorizes DPS&C to request from the sentencing court any information about the sentence not provided in the UCO. The provision is effective **December 1, 2017**.

Because a clerk of court will no longer be required to provide the sentencing minutes to DPS&C, then the accuracy of the information recorded in the UCO takes on greater significance. With this in mind, members of the District Judges Association, DPS&C, and the Clerks of Court Association, met on several occasions with LASC staff to revise and adapt the UCO in accordance with the new law and to improve communication between the sentencing judge and DPS&C.

Please be advised that this memorandum shall serve as the new UCO form and replaces the old form and shall be used in all district courts, pursuant to C.Cr.P. Art. 892 and Act 98 of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.

A revised version of the UCO, with instructions, is attached to this memorandum. You may also find the form on the Louisiana Supreme Court website, www.lasc.org, and on the Louisiana District Judges website, www.ldja.org.

Attachment

Handwritten signature of Bernette J. Johnson in cursive script.