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Report of the Select Committee on Gender Equality of the Maryland Judiciary and the Maryland State Bar Association (1992).

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Massachusetts

Gender Bias Study of the Court System in Massachusetts (1989). Report of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Gender Bias Study Committee.

Five Years Toward Gender Equality: Reflections on the Work of the Committee for Gender Equality of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court 1989-1994. Report of the Committee for Gender Equality on the implementation the task force recommendations.

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Lois Frankel
Human Resources Coordinator for Gender Issues
Administrative Office of the Trial Court
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Report of Missouri Task Force on Gender and Justice (1993).

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Administrative Office of the Courts
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Available from:

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140 West 62nd Street
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Appraising Change and Progress at Decade After the Report of the New York Task Force on Women in the Courts (1996).

Available from:

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A Difference in Perceptions: The Final Report of the Dakota Commission on Gender Fairness in the Courts is published in 72 North Dakota Law Review 1113 (1996).

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Report of the Oregon Supreme Court/Oregon Bar Association Task Force on Gender Fairness (May 1998).

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Rhode Island

Final Report of the Rhode Island Committee on Women in the Courts (1987).

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Rhode Island Administrative Office of the Courts
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Final Report of the Gender Bias Task Force of Texas (1994).

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Gender and Justice in Utah: A Six-Year Follow-up on the Utah Task Force on Gender and Justice Report (1996).

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Report to the Washington State Legislature from the Spousal Maintenance and Property Division Study Group of the Gender and Justice Implementation Committee (1990).

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Final Report of the Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts (1996).

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West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
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Available from:

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Report of the First Circuit Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias Task Force (June, 1999).

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Preliminary Report of the Eighth Circuit Gender Fairness Task Force (July 1997)..

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Final Report of the Ninth Circuit Gender Bias Task Force (1993).

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Overwhelming Evidence: Reports on Gender Bias in the Courts, Trial, February 1990, page 28, summarizes the findings of the nine task forces that had released their findings as of December 1989: Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington state.

Update: Gender Bias in the Courts, Trial, July 1991, page 113, describes the seven reports issued subsequently from California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin and summarizes implementation efforts

Gender and Justice: Florida and the Nation, 42 Florida Law Review 181 (1990) compares the findings of the above nine task forces in the area of family law and discusses several states efforts to implement their task forces recommendations

The Obligation to Intervene: New Direction from the American Bar Association Code of Judicial Conduct, 4 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 53 (1990). Discusses the task forces findings with respect to courtroom interaction

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