

Progress Report on Mental Health Law Reform  
Joint Commission on Health Care  
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Commission, established in summer of 2006, ended on June 30, 2011

Remembrance of Chief Justice Hassell

Key accomplishments of Commission

- Convening, coordinating and problem-solving functions
- Creating data systems
- Developing consensus-based proposals for reform

Highlights from FY 2011 data

- Possible decline in TDOs in 2011 and in hearings/commitments
- Decline of MOT orders

Key Activities in 2011

- Task Force on Rules of Court for Involuntary Commitment Proceedings
- Continuing efforts to incorporate ADs into routine mental health care
- Possible bills
  - Lengthening TDO to 72 hours
  - TDO Transfer Orders
  - Clarifying relationship between HCDA and judicial authorization of treatment