

JUS 261 Milestone Two Guidelines and Rubric

For Milestone Two, you will submit a draft of the Judicial Administration section of your scenario analysis. Using your assigned reading, course materials, and the scenario provided below (the same scenario that you worked on in Milestone One and will use for the final project) you will analyze the impact of judicial administration components—calendar and docketing, and the roles of court staff and litigation participants.

Scenario

Jed, Herman, and Jane live in Washington, D.C. Jed and Jane entered the local bank and took \$65,000. Jed and Herman both used shotguns during the robbery, though no one was hurt. Jane drove the getaway vehicle. Two hours later, as they headed toward the Canadian border, they were stopped by the police for speeding and taken into custody. The police determined that Jed and Jane matched the eyewitness descriptions of the robbers. Jane confessed their bank robbery scheme. Jed and Herman denied their involvement. The police only recovered \$25,000 in cash, but were unable to determine if the recovered money was taken from the bank. The police determined that Jed was a convicted felon at the time of the armed bank robbery. The local police and FBI were involved in the investigation.

The defense attorneys for each defendant (Jed, Herman, Jane) request a continuance for four months to sift through the evidence. The prosecution objects and argues that the delay would significantly clog the court's already heavy workload. In the alternative, the prosecution argues that if the court grants a continuance, then the prosecution should be allowed to prolong turning over the remaining discovery. The defense attorneys object and argue that this hinders their effective representation of their clients and would hinder a prompt resolution. The defense attorneys further argue that their clients deserve a well prepared and thorough defense. The judge currently has trials blocked over the next 10 months and wants to try the case now.

Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

II. Judicial Administration

- A. Analyze how federal, state, and local courts **calendar and docket** cases. Are these processes effective in promoting efficiency? Defend your response.
- B. Describe how the **calendar** and continuance of this scenario would be handled differently in the state system versus the federal system. Defend your response.
- C. Identify the **key role** within federal and state judicial systems that most impacts process. How does this role aid in creating and maintaining an efficient and effective judicial process?
- F. Determine the **impact of venue** on process efficiency in this scenario. Defend your response.
- G. Explain how a four month **continuance** affects the efficiency of any court under the circumstances presented in the scenario. Defend your response.



Guidelines for Submission: Milestone Two must be two to three pages in length with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and APA formatting.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Judicial Administration: Calendar and Docket	Analyzes how federal, state, and local courts calendar and docket cases and establishes their impact on efficiency	Analyzes how federal, state, and local courts calendar and docket cases but does not establish their impact on efficiency	Does not analyze how courts calendar and docket cases	18
Judicial Administration: Calendaring	Describes how the calendaring and continuance of this case would be handled in the state and federal judicial systems and defends response	Describes how the calendaring and continuance of this case would be handled in the state or federal judicial systems but does not defend response or response is lacking detail or inaccurate	Does not describe how the calendaring of this case would be handled in the state or federal judicial systems	18
Judicial Administration: Key Role	Identifies key role within federal and state judicial systems, and establishes how each aids in maintaining an efficient and effective judicial system	Identifies key role within federal and state judicial systems, but does not establish how each aids in maintaining an efficient and effective judicial system	Does not identify key role within federal and state judicial systems	18
Judicial Administration: Impact of Venue	Determines the impact of venue on process efficiency in this scenario and defends response	Determines the impact of venue on process efficiency in this scenario, but does not defend response	Does not determine the impact of venue on process efficiency	18
Judicial Administration: Continuance	Identifies the effects of a continuance on a court, explains the impact on a court's efficiency, and defends response	Identifies the effects of a continuance on a court but does not explain the impact on a court's efficiency or does not defend response	Does not identify the effects of a continuance on a court	18
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
Earned Total				100%