



# Leadership Lessons of Antietam

## A Leadership Workshop for Court Teams

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On September 17, 1862 two great armies collided 60 miles north of Washington, D.C. Throughout the twelve-hour battle, the future fate of the country hung in the balance as the Union army led by George B. McClellan advanced wave after wave of troops against the Confederate army under Robert E. Lee. The day long struggle, cost 23,000 American casualties. The victory gained that day by the Union army, gave President Abraham Lincoln the long-awaited opportunity to issue the Emancipation Proclamation and changed the war aims from one of reunification to one of liberation. As Princeton historian, James McPherson observes, Antietam is one of the important turning points in American history.

The Federal Court Clerks Association is proud to sponsor training that provides court teams with powerful lessons in leadership. The challenges of commanders that day are not unlike challenges modern court teams face today--decision making, policy formation and execution, communications, information management, resource management, organizational design, human resource issues, and other critical areas that pertain to the management of a modern 21st Century court.

Using this powerful historical event as a backdrop, court teams, made up of court unit executives and chief deputies and deputy chiefs will examine, reflect, and learn new ways to strengthen team relationships, focus on operational challenges, and share best practices with colleagues from around the judiciary.

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