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| Article Title | Effectiveness of a Short-Term Mental Health Court: Criminal Recidivism One Year Postexit | From Dysfunction and Polarization to Legislation: Native American Religious Freedom Rights and Minnesota Autopsy Law | Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism | Starved of money for too long, public defender offices are suing— and starting to win | How Frackers Beat OPEC |

| Author/Editor | Virginia Aldige Hiday - North Carolina State University & Heathcote W. Wales - Georgetown University Law Center | The Honorable Gail T. Kulick, District Court Judge for the 7th Judicial District, Prof. Tadd M. Johnson, Esq. - University of Minnesota, ... | National Commission on Terrorism (Includes professors, congress, business people, and more appointed by Senate and House) | Lorelei Laird, Legal Affairs Writer, no qualifications given with article, searching revealed author is a staff writer with a B.A. in Writing | Vauhini Vara, journalist based in Colorado, no qualifications given, no qualifications found by searching |

| Peer Reviewed | Yes | No | No | No | No |

| Citations | Yes, full page bibliography at the end | Yes, 165 citations | Yes (in-text only) | No | No |

| Length, Structure, & Appearance | 11 pages, abstract, multiple sections with headings, B/W graphs with citations | 24 pages, includes sections and table of contents, no images | 30+ pages, table of contents, sections, text call-outs & colored graphics | 7 pages, informal subject headings, labeled color portraits | 5 pages, no sections or subheadings, generic colorful art just for looks |

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