

VI. CONCLUSION

Attorney General Napolitano expresses appreciation to Capital Case Commission members and staff for volunteering their time and talents to this effort. The Commission provided a healthy forum in which to discuss and address concerns relating to the death penalty process in Arizona.

The data amassed by the Data/Research Subcommittee provides an unprecedented wealth of information and allows for a discussion of how the death penalty process works without resort to anecdotal histories. While the data may lead different people to reach different conclusions, its availability is invaluable in attempting to make reasoned conclusions about the death penalty in Arizona.

The recommendations proffered by the various subcommittees and the Commission are the result of extensive study and deliberation by prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, victim advocates, and state legislators. The Commission strongly urges that the recommendations set forth in the report be adopted to attempt to improve the death penalty process in Arizona.

Finally, this Report is not intended to be the final word on the death penalty, but rather a starting point for additional discussion and study. Attorney General Napolitano recommends that all participants in the system continue to work together to try to ensure that the death penalty process is just, timely, and fair to defendants and victims.