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RE: DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES' ASSOCIATION (DMCJA)
CLJ-CMS PROJECT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE (ITG) 102

Dear Chief Justice Fairhurst and Members of the JISC:

The DMCJA Board of Governors (Board) has been informed that the JISC will discuss the reprioritization of ITG projects at its meeting on April 27, 2018. On behalf of the DMCJA Board and the members of the DMCJA, I am writing to request that the courts of limited jurisdiction case management system (CLJ-CMS) Project, ITG 102, remain the number one priority.

Our association agreed to allow the Superior Courts' CMS Project to precede the CLJ-CMS Project with the understanding that our courts would be next in line. As you know, the CLJ-CMS Project is still in the process of obtaining a vendor to meet the diverse needs of district and municipal courts. Nevertheless, the CLJ-CMS Project is moving forward and will need adequate funding and staffing to acquire a vendor and to implement the system once a vendor is selected.

On February 28, 2014, the JISC voted to make the CLJ-CMS Project the top priority. The DMCJA requests that the JISC continues to make the CLJ-CMS Project the top priority when discussing the reprioritization of JISC projects. Obtaining a statewide case management system for courts of limited jurisdiction continues to be the main focus for the DMCJA, and we request that this remains the top priority for the JISC. Thank you for your consideration and please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Judge Scott K. Ahlf
DMCJA President

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