Judicial Information System Committee Meeting April 28, 2023

<u>DECISION POINT</u> – Prioritize Information Technology Governance (ITG) Request #1308- Integrated eFiling for Enterprise Justice (formally Odyssey) Document Management System (DMS) Superior Courts

MOTION:

I move that ITG Request #1308 be prioritized as JISC priority #4.

I. BACKGROUND

This ITG request was created in December 2020 to implement Tyler's eFiling service in all superior courts using Enterprise Justice and the Enterprise Justice Document Management System. To fund this request, a decision package was submitted and approved by the JISC on August 26, 2022. As of late March 2023, the decision package for this request has been fully funded in the proposed budget bills from both houses of the legislature.

With the expectation that this request will be fully funded, this request now needs to be prioritized relative to other requests approved by the JISC in order to inform the scheduling of this work when funding and resources are made available.

II. DISCUSSION

Filings for the superior courts that implemented the Enterprise Justice document management system average around 100,000 per year. These cases include: Adult Criminal, Civil, Domestic, Probate/Guardianship, Adoption/Parentage, Mental Illness/Alcohol, Juvenile Dependency, and Juvenile Offender. These superior courts still rely on a largely paper-based process in the Enterprise Justice document management system. Documents must be hand-delivered during standard court business hours and then manually processed by court personnel. This is inconvenient and expensive for the public and inefficient for the courts. The eFiling service requires nothing to be printed, physically stored, or transported to the courthouse. Electronic documents can be prepared and filed remotely from anywhere and at any time, making justice more accessible particularly for victims and working people. Additionally, eFiling provides better services to the public, greater efficiency in our courts, and supports the ability to continue conducting essential court business remotely during emergencies such as a pandemic.

After implementation of this request, it will have a direct positive impact on populations that file documents with these superior courts. It will provide a means of filing that would eliminate the need to physically drive to the courts and file paperwork with the county clerk. This would also have a positive impact on how documents are received by reducing the need for document scanning and paper storage. All of these benefits can substantially ease filing burdens.

III. OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –

AOC would not have the JISC's prioritization available to inform decisions regarding scheduling and implementation of this ITG request.