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RE: District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA)
Support for JIS Equipment Replacement Policy Update

Dear Chief Justice Fairhurst and JISC Members:

The DMCJA supports the District and Municipal Court Management Association's (DMCMA's) request for the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) to update its policy regarding equipment replacement.

On September 7, 2018, the DMCMA submitted a letter to the JISC requesting the JISC to consider updating its equipment replacement policy to allow reimbursement for laptop computers for both court staff and judges. Ms. Margaret Yetter, DMCMA President, states in this letter that the Administrative Office of the Courts' policy for reimbursement of computer equipment includes laptop computers for judges but not court staff. Courts are only provided reimbursement for staff computers if they are willing to buy desktops. The DMCMA would also like for reimbursement to occur whether computers are leased or purchased by the cities or counties. No additional funds are requested for the policy change. The DMCJA agrees with the DMCMA, and, therefore, supports the request.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding DMCJA support for DMCMA's request for a JISC policy change regarding equipment replacement. Thank you for your consideration of our support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Robertson

Judge Rebecca C. Robertson
DMCJA President

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