# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The following information is necessary for us to process your request for data from the Judicial Information System (JIS). Please complete this form and return it to:

Data Dissemination Administrator
Office of the Administrator for the Courts
PO Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170
fax: 360-956-5700
e-mail: dda@courts.wa.gov

Your request is subject to approval under the provisions of JISCR 15, the JIS Data Dissemination Policy, and the local Data Dissemination Policy and Procedures. Upon approval, the request will be forwarded to a programmer who will examine it, estimate the cost, and then contact you to provide the estimated cost and confirm the request. There is a charge for such reports as governed by JIS Committee Policy.

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City: Seattle State: WA Postal Code: 98111

Day or Work Phone (with area code): 206 854-4276 Fax No. (with area code):

Information Requested (please describe in detail and attach additional pages as necessary):

Amount of fines assessed by King County District Courts per year since 2010; amount of fines collected by King County District Courts; names of collection agencies used to collect fines; amount paid to collection firms for their work; copies of contracts between county and collection agencies; breakdown of offenses for which the fines were assessed.

What will the information be used for?

Article on the efficiency of the courts in collecting fines; a comparison among collection agencies used to collect fines.

To whom will the data be disseminated?

The information will be used by reporters and editors at The Seattle Times and by myself to write articles and build charts reflecting how fines are collected, what offenses generate the most fines; which ones are most successfully collected.

If this information concerns a named individual, please give necessary identifying information (i.e. date of birth, driver's license number, most current address etc.):

Date information is needed: April 2, 2015

**The following fees are applied to information requests that require generation of a report from JIS. Fees do *not* include printed copies of electronic documents such as dockets or screen prints.**

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| Administrative Fee | $25.00 / report |
| Evaluation/Research/Programming | $40.00 / hour |
| JIS System Run Time (two-minute minimum) | $10.00 / minute or portion thereof |
| Materials: | $ 1.00 / page |
| | $12.00 / compact disc |

Medium Requested: Paper ($1.00/page, computer generated)
CD ($12.00/each)
E-mail - electronic file sent as an attachment

**I, the undersigned:**

- **Agree to use and distribute the information only as provided in the above referenced statement of intended use;**
- **Agree not to use for commercial purposes (Data Dissemination Policy IIIA(5);**
- **Agree to take reasonable precautions to prevent disclosure of information beyond the above referenced statement of intended use;**
- **Agree to pay, unless payment is waived, the cost upon fulfillment of the request and receipt of an invoice from the Office of the Administrator for the Courts;**
- **Understand that the Office of the Administrator for the Courts makes no representation as to the accuracy and completeness of the data except for court purposes and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Office of the Administrator for the Courts from any claims for damages arising from applicant's use and distribution of the information; and**
- **Certify, under penalty of law, that all the information supplied above is true and a complete description.**

John B. Saul — March 31, 2015

Signature of Requestor — Date

Typed name will be accepted as signature when document is submitted electronically.

Please use this page for more detailed responses or comments.