CLJ-CMS Court User Work Group Questions

1. **PC Cases** – Can Probable Cause (PC) charges no longer be displayed to the public once they are disposed?

   The CLJ-CMS Court User Work Group (CUWG) would like future case filings to be set up to have any PC cases first entered and disposed; then, if charges are filed, they are added to the same case. Therefore, everything for one incident would be on one case (Criminal, Infraction, even Vehicle Violations if cited from the same event). Also, a concern amongst some CUWG members is balancing the possibility of having these PC charges held against an individual with having the PC charges visible when they are pending.

   Question: Is there a reason why the PC charges need to be displayed once they are disposed and replaced with actual charges?

2. **Civil Cases** – Can civil cases no longer be displayed if they are abandoned and/or not paid?

   The CUWG would like any filing to create a case so courts can track in the CMS when someone files a motion to waive the filing fees that must be reviewed by the judge. This is wanted for recording the judge's time and tracking all documents received/scanned. However, sometimes when the motion is denied the filing fee never gets paid and the matter is considered "abandoned." The CUWG would like to balance the need for entering everything into the CMS for tracking with having the case display in public searches, listing the parties, and when the case was abandoned.

   Question: Can the CUWG do a requirement that allows the prevention of a case from being displayed if the matter is abandoned? Depending on the COTS program selected in the end, it may be that the case can be created with only the petitioner's information, so it may not be an issue. The big concern for CUWG members is having lawsuits and anti-harassment petitions displayed against the defendant/respondent when it was never paid and is not a case against them.