WASHINGTON COURTS

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TO: JISC Data Dissemination Committee

FROM: Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

RE: American Information Research Request - Recommendation

American Information Research (AIRS) subscribes to the AOC bulk public index SINDEX that contains Superior Court criminal, civil, domestic, probate and judgment case information. With the rollout of the Odyssey case management system that is replacing SCOMIS for most superior courts, AIRS is requesting enhanced access to online data or an enhanced download of case information, particularly for those Odyssey courts. AIRS currently does not have a JIS LINK account.

The AOC recommendation is for the AOC Data Warehouse to provide data upon request.

When AIRS first contacted AOC with its request, company representatives provided a list of needed data elements. The AOC Data Warehouse is able to provide most of the data elements; however, the agency is not authorized to release financial data contained in JIS/SCOMIS until the JIS Committee (JISC) finalizes a policy on its dissemination. All financial data requests must go to the JISC Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) for approval at this time.[1] Furthermore, because Odyssey financial data is not being replicated into JIS, the AOC Data Warehouse does not have this information for Odyssey courts. To obtain that data, the requestor will need to contact each County Clerk's Office for Thurston, Franklin, Lewis, Yakima, and Snohomish counties.

AOC recommends that AIRS submits requests to the AOC for data the AOC Data Warehouse is able to provide, including financial data for courts using the SCOMIS case management system. This will not be a data feed and any subsequent request will need to be initiated with submittal of another Request for Information form. AIRS should then contact each County Clerk's Office using Odyssey for any other available financial information. Any financial data that is compiled by AOC should be reviewed by delegated court and county clerk representatives as required for all other previous financial data requests that have come before this Committee.

[1] The JIS Committee (JISC) authorized the Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) to act on its behalf in reviewing and acting on requests for JIS access by non-court users. JISC Bylaws, Article 7, Secs. 1 - 2.