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Ms. Stephanie Happold
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RE: JIS Access for Public Defenders

Dear Ms. Happold:

In 2008 the AOC Data Dissemination Committee granted an exemption to the prosecuting attorneys which allowed them to have a JIS Court ID. This exemption is very helpful as it allows the prosecutor's access to JIS to print their court calendars.

The court has been advised that this exemption was not given to the public defenders. As it is now, the public defenders can print partial calendars through JABS. This is quite cumbersome and does not provide all the needed information, such as DOB, so that the public defender can quickly determine who the assigned attorney for a particular case is. This is important as we try to get people who bench warrant back in court as soon as practical. When the public defender could print their calendars, through JIS, it made the entire administration of justice much more efficient for everyone. They are officers of the court and carry the majority of the court's caseload. There really is not a logical reason why we would only allow the prosecutors to print calendars but not the public defenders.

I understand the Data Dissemination committee is meeting in June. I would like to request this topic be put on the Agenda for discussion and implementation.

It is my understanding that Ms. Kathleen Kyle, the Executive Director of the Snohomish County Public Defender Association hopes to get on your Agenda to address this issue. She would be able to better articulate the practicality of how the system worked previously when they could print calendars and the system now.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Sharon Whittaker, the Court Administrator, if you have any further questions

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda W.Y. Coburn
Judge

cc: Kathleen Kyle