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TO: JISC Data Dissemination Committee

FROM: Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

RE: No Action Needed - Researcher Obligations under AOC Data Agreements

The Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR) recently notified the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) contracts department that some researchers were not submitting drafts of reports or publications that were based on, used, or referenced data that was provided by AOC under numerous data agreements. Language in the agreements state:

> RESEARCHER will provide AOC with a copy of any report generated from this research project 60 days prior to publication with the opportunity for AOC to object to the use of its data in the report; however, any objection must be reasonable and rationally based. If such objection is made the data shall be removed from the report.

AOC staff contacted these researchers and their contracts office. Researchers quickly provided AOC with a list of publications based on AOC data. The contracts office also sent out a notification reminding the researchers of this requirement, and that publications must be sent to AOC immediately or no further data agreements would be processed until the oversight is corrected. It also warned of repercussions if further non-compliance occurred. AOC was satisfied with this entity's response to the problem.

Internally, AOC staff is discussing additional monitoring to prevent this from happening again. AOC staff is bringing this to the Data Dissemination Committee's attention as the data agreements were approved by it pursuant to court rule GR 31(g)(1).