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TO: JISC Data Dissemination Committee

FROM: Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

RE: Verus Research Request for Access to Dates of Birth in Odyssey Portal

Verus Research, Inc., is requesting use of dates of birth as a search filter in Odyssey Portal.

Background:

This request is before the JISC Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) for approval[1] because public access to case data elements (not documents) in Odyssey Portal is under this Committee's jurisdiction. It is unclear to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) what access the requestor has in Portal, but based on the complaint and for the purpose of this request, staff is assuming the anonymous Portal role.

Currently, birth year is available for registered public Portal roles, but not for the court lobby role or the anonymous user role. Registered users who already have the full date of birth are be able to use that criteria as a search filter. This was decided by the Committee during its March 2, 2018, meeting. (Meeting minutes are attached and were provided to the requestor.)

Issues with dates of birth displaying in Odyssey Portal were discussed by the Committee during its work session on October 6, 2016 (meeting minutes are attached). Of note:

> "Ms. Kraski explained to the Committee that during her county's Odyssey implementation she was notified that confidential names, addresses, and birthdates that were in a public case type were being displayed in Odyssey Portal. After learning of this, Ms. Kraski told the AOC SCCMS team to immediately turn off all addresses and birthdates in Odyssey Portal to prevent the information being displayed."

Due to the comingling of confidential and public dates of birth, the concerns raised at previous meetings are still present. AOC staff recommends the requestor become a registered public Portal user.

[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.