Judicial Information System Committee Meeting March 2, 2012

<u>DECISION POINT</u> – Superior Court Case Management System – Local Planning and Implementation Funding

MOTION:

- I move to include funding for local planning and implementation costs in the budget allocations for the Superior Court Case Management System project subject to further approval of the actual amount to be allocated.

I. BACKGROUND

The Superior Court Case Management Feasibility Study identified that *"[t]he implementation of SC-CMS will impact the operating and capital budgets of the local superior court and their justice partners…. These changes will need to proceed through the local legislative budget cycle. Time is set aside during this phase for counts and their local partners to adjust operations and, if investment in automated interfaces is warranted, capital budgets."*

The Superior Court Case Management System Request for Proposal (SC-CMS RFP) Steering Committee has been working with MTG Management Consulting (MTG) on estimates of planning and implementation impacts on local courts. A sub-committee, consisting of Barb Miner, Betty Gould, and Frank Maiocco, was formed to refine the local court impact estimates with the intent of sending them to local courts as an aid to their local finance and budgeting processes. The SC-CMS RFP Steering Committee determined that it was appropriate propose to JISC that funding be provided for local court planning and implementation costs.

II. DISCUSSION

The lack of local funding to implement the SC-CMS presents a risk to the successful completion of the project. There is a need to separate hard dollar costs that a local court may incur from soft costs (the value of time spent working on the project). Payment will only be made for actual costs incurred. A method would need to be devised to establish the amount to allocate for local court costs and to apportion the allocation among all of the courts.

III. PROPOSAL

The SC-CMS RFP Steering Committee proposes to include the cost of local court planning and implementation in the funding for the Superior Court Case Management System.

IV. OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –

If local costs are not included in the funding for the case management system, there is a risk that the system will not be successfully implemented in all jurisdictions.