From: Christie Hedman
To: Happold, Stephanie
Subject: RE: GR 15 Draft Amendment and Extension of Comments Deadline for CLJ Retention of Records Amendment
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Hi, Stephanie – I am sorry to be writing late with comments regarding the CLJ Retention of Records Amendment, however, our email system has been out of commission since last Friday and only has become fully operational again today. I had planned to compile everything into one document, but due to the delay instead have included the comment below that reflects the overall **extremely strong concern that all "not guilty" and "not committed" cases should be kept in perpetuity to allow those not found guilty the same ability to prove their verdicts as someone who was found guilty:**

- I couldn't help but notice that JIS purges 'Not Guilty' and 'Not Committed' cases at 10 years but keeps convictions in perpetuity. In today's world of data mining and dissemination to credit reporting agencies, one wonders how a person would prove a "Not Guilty" verdict after 10 years if the issue came up. This may not be an issue in Superior Court where the CLERK has to keep a hard copy in perpetuity even if the JIS record goes away, but in courts of limited jurisdiction that is not the case. They purge their paper files a lot sooner than JIS purges them. In all courts, however, you would think that the number of Not Guilty and Dismissals and Not Committed findings would not amount to much in comparison to all those "Guilty" findings and incremental cost of keeping them would be insignificant.

I also am forwarding separately an impassioned email from Linda Callahan who was especially concerned about this aspect and the fact that defenders and their clients often are treated differently by the JIS system.
Please let me know if you have any questions and once again my apologies for getting these to you a day late!

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Good morning.
I have another posting for your listservs. I am combining two documents in hopes that I don't have to send you another email to clog your inbox.
I apologize for the annoyance. We were asked to move out our comments timeline for the CLJ retention schedule and I received a new deadline. Any questions, give me a call.
Regards,