Judicial Information System Committee Meeting April 24, 2020

DECISION POINT – Access to Justice Technology Principles Report to the Supreme Court.

MOTION:

I move to approve the 2019 Access to Justice Technology Principles Report to the Supreme Court.

I. BACKGROUND

The Access to Justice Board developed the Access to Justice (ATJ) Technology Principles to ensure that technology increases opportunities and eliminates barriers to access to the justice system. The Washington State Supreme Court adopted the ATJ Technology Principles in 2004. It also ordered the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in conjunction with the Access to Justice Board and the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) to report annually to the Supreme Court on the use of the principles in the court system and by all other persons, agencies, and bodies under the authority of the Supreme Court. In 2013 the JISC recommended this report be submitted biennially and the Supreme Court accepted the recommendation.

The purpose of the report is to document the efforts of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Access to Justice Board to implement and use technologies within Washington State's justice system in a manner that furthers the goals of the ATJ Technology Principles. ATJ Board members, ATJ Technology Committee members, ATJ staff, and AOC staff contributed to the report.

II. DISCUSSION

AOC prepared the 2019 ATJ Technology Principles report in collaboration with the Access to Justice Board Technology Committee. On March 13, the ATJ Board approved the report. The report requires JISC approval before it is submitted to the Supreme Court.

III. OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED

AOC and the ATJ Board will not be able to meet the reporting obligation to the Supreme Court on the use of the ATJ Technology Principles.