JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

December 2, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:
Justice Barbara A. Madsen, Chair
Judge Scott K. Ahlf
Mr. Joseph Brusic
Mr. Derek Byrne
Mr. Donald Graham
Judge John Hart, Vice-Chair
Mr. Frank Maiocco
Ms. Barb Miner
Judge Robert Olson
Ms. Paulette Revoir
Mr. Dave Reynolds
Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio
Ms. Margaret Yetter

Members Absent:
Judge Beth Andrus
Ms. Mindy Breiner
Judge Kathryn Loring
Chief Brad Moericke

AOC Staff Present:
Mr. Kevin Ammons
Ms. Brittanie Collinsworth
Mr. Rob Eby
Mr. Arsenio Escudero
Mr. James Hayes
Mr. Sriram Jayarama
Mr. Jamie Kambich
Mr. Mike Keeling
Mr. Dirk Marler
Mr. Dexter Mejia
Ms. Uma Nalluri-Marsh
Ms. Aryn Nonamaker
Ms. Anya Prozora
Mr. Chris Stanley
Mr. Garret Tanner
Ms. Natalia Veiga Zonatto

Guests Present:
Ms. Laurie Garber
Mr. Allen Mills
Mr. Terry Price

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Call to Order & Approval of Meeting Minutes

Justice Barbara Madsen called the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Justice Madsen asked if there were any changes or additions to be made to the October 2022 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved as written.

eFiling/Courthouse News Service Litigation

Mr. Dirk Marler briefed the Committee on the Courthouse News Service litigation, which has been taking place all across the country. Courthouse News Service (CNS) styles itself as a legitimate independent news service primarily focusing on civil litigation, whose core audience is lawyers and law firms who subscribe to the service. Essentially, CNS wants unfiltered and prompt access to new non-confidential civil case filings, and they sue in federal court alleging violations of First Amendment rights when they do not get that access. Mr. Marler outlined a number of issues that are involved in this litigation, as well as explained CNS's argument that as more cases are being filed electronically, the public does not have as readily-available access to those filings they would had the cases been filed in person at the courthouse. Actions have been brought in 25 jurisdictions across the country, ten or eleven of which are still open. Outcomes to these litigations have been varied. Mr. Marler added that while CNS has been active in Washington, it has not been litigious thus far.

HB 1320-1901: Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) for Judicial Officers (ITG 1344) Project Update

Mr. Sriram Jayarama gave a presentation on the Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) for Judicial Officers project. As part of House Bill 1320/1901, the Legislature mandated a mechanism for all judicial officers statewide to be able to electronically view Protection Order (PO) documents. JABS will be the statewide viewer for PO documents; only public POs will be available, and these documents will be viewable by any judicial officer if their JABS profile already allows them to access such information across courts. Because POs are stored in multiple Document Management Systems (DMS) across the state, AOC will build a "proxy" mechanism to go between JABS and the various DMS to "fetch" the document images for JABS display. PO documents will not be stored by AOC.

Mr. Jayarama then gave an update on recent project activities, as well as provided a process overview that included examples of what the changes look like in the JABS docket screen, case order screen, and person order screen and how the PO document images will look when accessed. The team is currently conducting testing in the lead up to go-live, and will be starting User Acceptance Testing in the second week of December. The first phase implementation (superior courts) is scheduled to go live on December 30, 2022.

Mr. Kevin Ammons gave a status update on some technical issues with a few of the link-only courts; nine of the fifteen link-only counties are working through technical issues at this time. It is likely that some of these counties may not be ready for the implementation on January 1, 2023. AOC continues to work with all of these courts to help resolve the outstanding issues, and will also be communicating status updates out to court customers leading up to the implementation.

JIS Priority Project #1 (ITG 102): Courts of Limited Jurisdiction – Case Management System (CLJ-CMS)

CLJ-CMS Project Update

Mr. Garret Tanner provided an update on the CLJ-CMS project; he reminded the Committee of the Pilot courts go-live delay and the project team's next steps going forward. These include preparing for and completing Solution Validation (end-to-end testing) to ensure the system meets the needs of the CLJs, completing data exchanges with Justice Partners, and reviewing go-live tasks and assumptions to identify a new data for Pilot courts go-live. Mr. Tanner then gave details on Solution Validation status, recent eFiling and CMS activities, project outreach, and work in progress; he then highlighted updates to the project issues and risks.

Quality Assurance Assessment Report

Mr. Allen Mills, with the project's QA vendor Bluecrane, provided an overview of the October QA Assessment Report for the CLJ-CMS project. The full report can be found in the JISC meeting packet.

JIS Budget & JIS 23-25 IT Decision Packages Update

Mr. Chris Stanley provided a brief 21-23 budget and JIS 23-25 decision packages update. The current biennial expenditures are still running as has been expected. AOC are projecting to be approximately

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$7 million in the red by the end of the fiscal year. AOC has submitted a budget request to backfill that amount on a one-time basis in the current fiscal year. Going forward, AOC is asking for $12 million a year as a deposit from the General Fund into the JIS account. The reception AOC's decision packages have received from the Legislature at this point is noncommittal, but legislators recognize the critical importance of the JIS account. Mr. Stanley added that many of the individuals and groups he has spoken with (including legislators) did not know that the courts' entire IT infrastructure is financed by traffic tickets. Mr. Stanley reminded the Committee that these requested funds are for the base budget of work, to stabilize the existing expenditures of the account.

Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) Report

The Data Dissemination Committee did not meet this month, as there were no new agenda items.

Meeting Wrap Up & Adjournment

Justice Madsen adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 24, 2023, via Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Action Items

	Action Items	Owner	Status

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