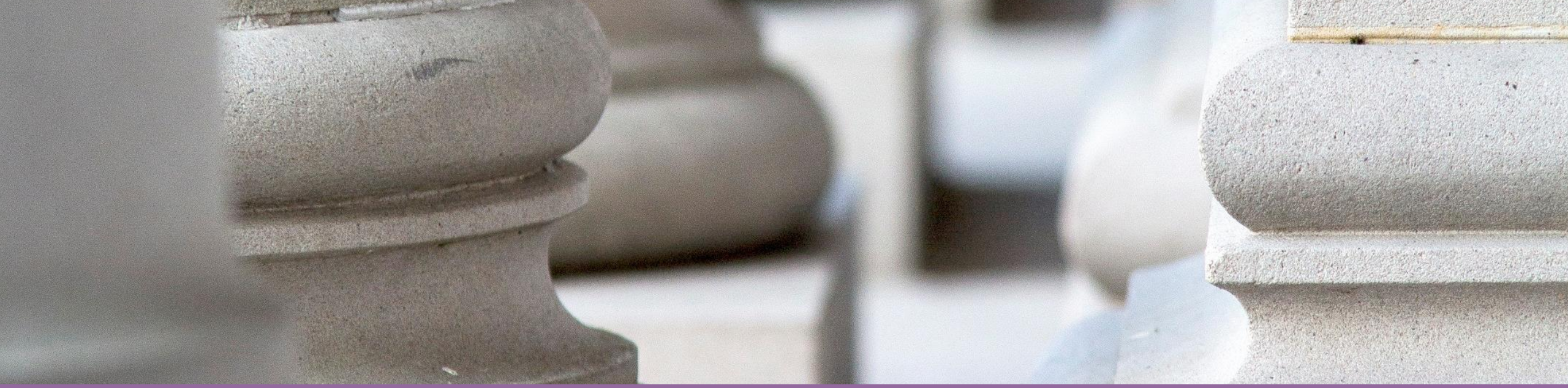

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ITG Request #1356 – Replace Appellate Case Management and eFiling Systems

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Background

- Since 2003, the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals have been using an outdated, brittle, and underperforming case management system (CMS) called Appellate Court Record and Data System (ACORDS)
- The courts and public users also use an underperforming eFiling system that is separate from other applications and requires significant integration and support
- The Appellate Courts Enterprise Content Management System (AC-ECMS) was implemented in 2017 and manages documents and workflows within the courts

Request Overview

- This request seeks to replace ACORDS and the current eFiling solutions with a modern, integrated solution to better serve the appellate courts
- Solution chosen would also need be able to integrate with AC-ECMS

Decision Package

Analyze Appellate Case Management and eFiling Solutions

- In the 2024 supplemental budget, the Legislature provided $400,000 to AOC to conduct an in-depth analysis to document requirements and recommend a strategy to modernize the following functions:
  - Reviewing and accepting filings received primarily via electronic filing
  - Managing cases (adding case details, case participants, case events, etc.) in the case management system from inception to final decision.
  - Creating and managing the court calendars which, includes sending notifications to parties, displaying the calendars on a public facing website, and managing the confirmations resulting from the notifications

Next Steps

Analyze Appellate Case Management and eFiling Solutions

- Create a charter for this project
- Procure a consultant to conduct the analysis
- Establish a steering committee of key stakeholders to oversee this effort
- Analysis by the consultant would take about one year, beginning July 2024
- Beginning July 2025, AOC and the steering committee will develop a strategy and plan for procurement and implementation based on the results of the analysis

Questions?