Judicial Information System Committee Meeting June 28, 2024

<u>DECISION POINT</u> – Authorize Information Technology Governance (ITG) Request #1372- Exhibit Management Software

MOTION:

I move that ITG Request #1372 be authorized.

I. BACKGROUND

This ITG request was created in January 2024 to provide a digital exhibit management system that will be able to accept, store, manage, and playback exhibits submitted in diverse digital formats. Implementation of this system will improve ease of use and convenience for court staff, judicial officers, litigants, and authorized stakeholders by making exhibits readily accessible from any device; will present an opportunity to rethink and streamline current court workflows around exhibit management; and will provide a more efficient and streamlined process for transferring case information, testimony, and exhibits back and forth between the different court levels for appeals.

With the understanding that the legislature will have to provide funding, this request now needs to be authorized by JISC.

II. DISCUSSION

Courts receive both physical and digital exhibits and are looking to improve the overall management of exhibits. Current exhibit management processes are largely manual and vary by jurisdiction. Significant challenges exist around digital exhibits. The increasing volume of digital exhibits come in a variety of digital mediums that are difficult or impossible to upload into current court systems because of size, compatibility, or security concerns. Examples include: USB drives, DVDs, bodycam videos, audio/video recordings, cell phone data, and digital documents. Parties are generally required to submit such digital exhibits as physical copies. The current manual processes create challenges to manage digital evidence effectively, efficiently, and securely. Courts require a digital exhibit management system that can efficiently collect, inventory, manage, review, and present digital evidence before, during, and after a court proceeding.

This effort would start with an in-depth analysis before any procurement or development project.

III. OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –

Courts will not have a statewide comprehensive digital exhibit management system to provide information in a expeditious manner that may be relevant to a case.