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Re: Update on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System Project (CLJ-CMS)

Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System Project (CLJ-CMS) Steering Committee, I am writing to you to provide an update on the project.

Our objective is to replace the aging 1980's JIS/DISCIS system with a modern case management system that will meet the needs of today's courts. We need your help to ensure that the legislature provides the funding required to bring the efficiencies of modern case management systems to all of our courts. We need judicial officers and court managers to let their legislators know how important a modern case management system is to the work we do every day in the administration of justice.

In order for the project to continue, the judicial branch is asking the legislature to appropriate \$7.2 million in the 2015-2017 biennium from the dedicated Judicial Information System (JIS) account. The JIS account is primarily funded by the assessment on traffic infractions that are processed by the courts of limited jurisdiction. The legislature created this dedicated account to pay for statewide information technology projects just like this without competing for state general fund dollars.

Let me give you an idea of who is representing you on the project. The Steering Committee, which oversees the project, has representatives from the associations representing courts of limited jurisdiction:

- District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA),
- District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA), and
- Misdemeanant Corrections Association (MCA).

Your representatives on the Steering Committee are:

- Judge Kim Walden and Judge Glenn Phillips (DMCJA),
- Cynthia Marr, Aimee Vance, and myself (DMCMA), and
- Larry Barker and Melanie Vanek (MCA).

The CLJ-CMS Court User Work Group is developing the business framework that will be the basis of a request for proposal (RFP) for our future case management system. The CUWG has representatives from the DMCMA, DMCJA, and MCA as well as the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and the Access to Justice Board (ATJ).

Your representatives on the Court User Work Group are:

- Judge Patti Conolly Walker, Judge R. W. Buzzard, and Judge Donna Tucker (DMCJA),
- Suzanne Elsner, Paulette Revoir, Amy Shaffer, Maury Baker, Karen Carr, and Leeanna Young (DMCMA),
- Mindy Breiner and Kristine Nisco (MCA),
- Virginia Amato (WSBA), and
- Rita Dermody (ATJ).

Your representatives on the Steering Committee and the Court User Work Group are working very hard to make a new case management system a reality. You can help them realize our goal of getting a modern case management system by communicating to your legislative representatives about how important it is to the administration of justice, and by asking them to continue to dedicate JIS Account funding to the courts' technology needs. I have attached a legislative communication sheet that gives you more information and may be helpful in conversations with legislators.

Please send project related questions and suggestions to the CLJ-CMS project inbox at CLJCMSProject@courts.wa.gov. For more information about the project, go to the Inside Courts website at <https://inside.courts.wa.gov/CLJCMS> (RACF logon id required) or the public web site at <http://www.courts.wa.gov/CLJCMS>.

Sincerely,

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