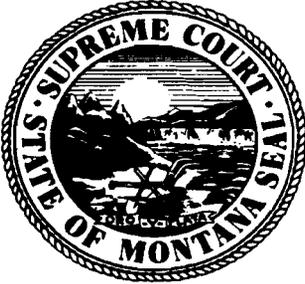


Judicial Branch Information Technology



Overview for the Interim Law
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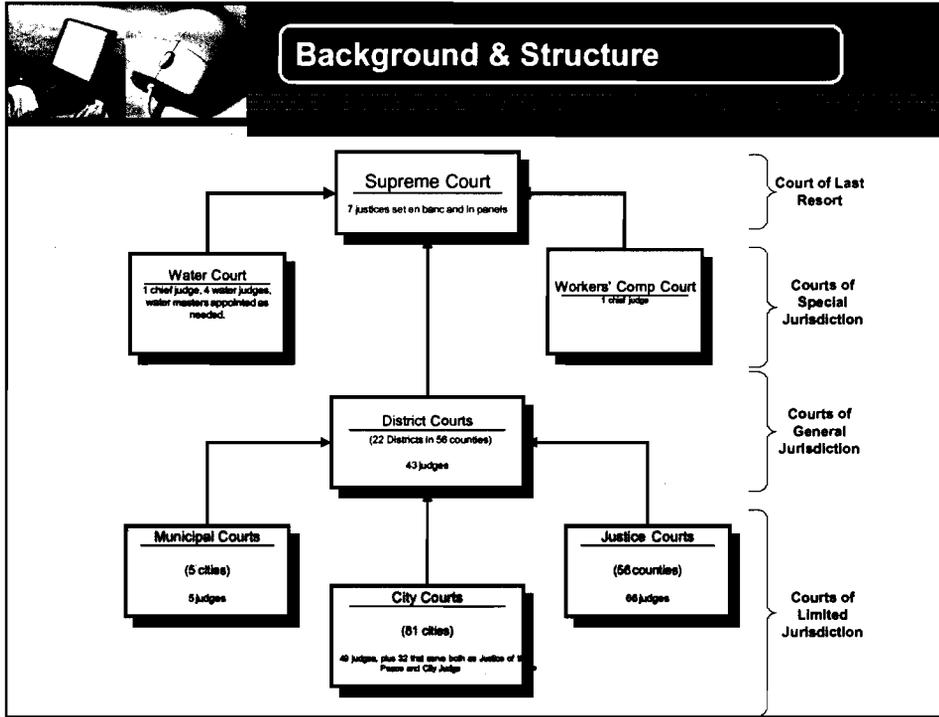
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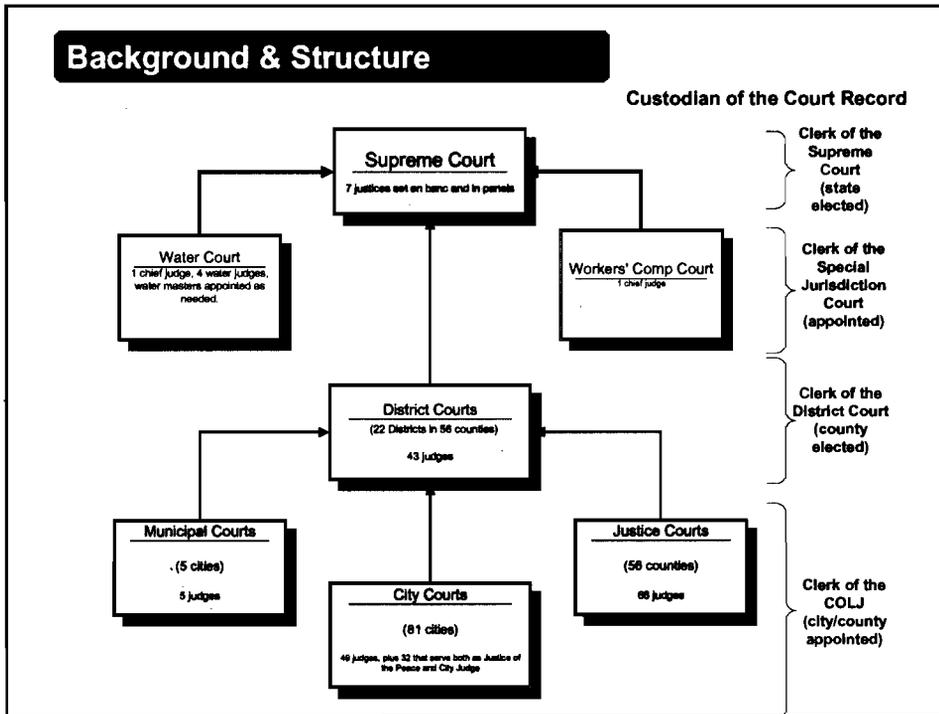
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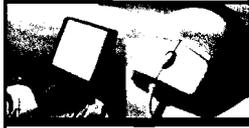
Background & Structure



Background & Structure

Custodian of the Court Record





Background & Structure

3-1-702. Duties of the Court Administrator

The court administrator is the administrative officer of the court. Under the direction of the supreme court, the court administrator shall:

(1) prepare and present judicial budget requests to the legislature, including the costs of the state-funded district court program;

(2) collect, compile, and report statistical and other data relating to the business transacted by the courts and provide the information to the legislature on request;

(3) report annually to the law and justice interim committee and at the beginning of each regular legislative session report to the house appropriations subcommittee that considers general government on the status of development and procurement of information technology within the judicial branch, including any changes in the judicial branch information technology strategic plan and any problems encountered in deploying appropriate information technology within the judicial branch. The court administrator shall, to the extent possible, provide that current and future applications are coordinated and compatible with the standards and goals of the executive branch as expressed in the state strategic information technology plan provided for in 2-17-521.

(4) recommend to the supreme court improvements in the judiciary;

(5) administer legal assistance for indigent victims of domestic violence, as provided in 3-2-714;

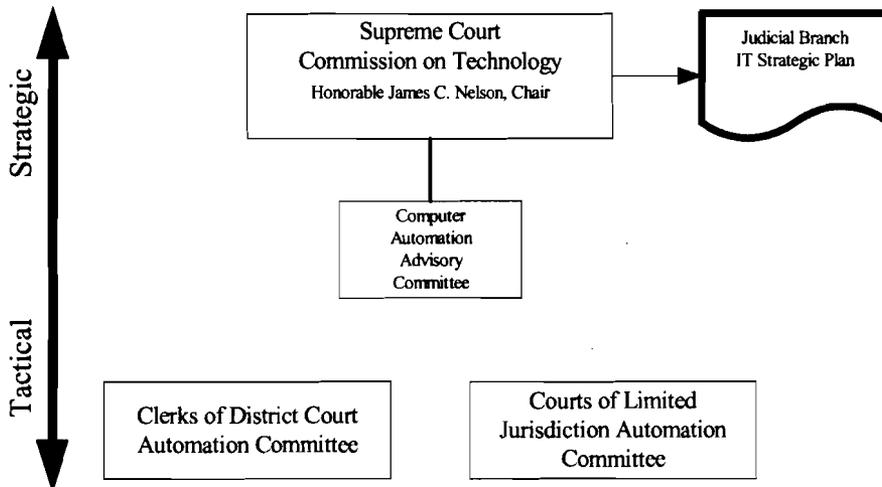
(6) administer state funding for district courts, as provided in chapter 5, part 9;

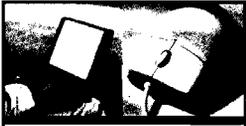
(7) administer the judicial branch personnel plan; and

(8) perform other duties that the supreme court may assign

Background & Structure

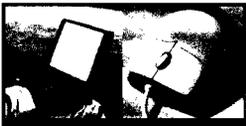
Judicial Branch IT Planning & Advisory Organization Chart





Strategic Planning and Initiatives

- **Access to Information:** The Montana Judicial Branch shall provide for user-friendly electronic access to and exchange of information for all stakeholders, consistent with the public's right to know and rights of individual privacy.
- **Standardization:** The Montana Judicial Branch shall provide state standards that give staff and citizens a similar presentation when accessing judicial information and encourage seamless integration of all governmental systems in the state.
- **Staff Enhancement:** The Montana Judicial Branch shall equip its staff with the best applicable contemporary technology to ensure efficient, effective, quality service to the judicial branch and the public.
- **Security & Business Continuity:** The Montana Judicial Branch shall provide the infrastructure and disaster-recovery tools to ensure the security, reliability, continuity, availability, and integrity of data, information and systems.
- **Efficient & Effective Management:** The Montana Judicial Branch shall procure and allocate the resources necessary for judicial information technology systems to be procured, developed, deployed, and supported in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner.



Strategic Planning and Initiatives

- **Minimum Level of Technology**
 - Contemporary workstations
 - Office Software
 - Connectivity
- **Modern Case Management software**
- **Standard Processes and Procedures**
 - Data collection
 - Storage
 - Information Exchange
- **Central Repository of Court Case Information**



Strategic Planning and Initiatives

Improving Business Processes & Procedures

- Uniform Case Filing Standards for District Courts Effective January 1, 2006.
- Task Force to Draft Model Rules for Public Access to Court Records.
- District Court Workload Assessment Study – 2006
- Requirements Analysis of Core Case Management, Jury Management, Document management, and External Interfaces and Reports. (District FullCourt Pilot)



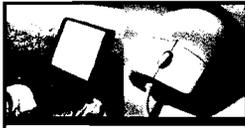
Costs and Challenges

Fiscal Year 2004 Information Technology Support/Expense Table
Source: Department of Administration, Biennial IT Report

Judicial Branch Employees (Includes 552 County Branch Employees)

| Branch | FTE | IT FTE | Ratio | Total Expended | Avg. Per Employee |
|-------------|--------|--------|-------|----------------|-------------------|
| Judicial | 927 | 15 | 1:161 | \$2,149,028 | \$2,318 |
| Legislative | 125 | 10 | 1:13 | \$1,629,145 | \$13,033 |
| Executive | 12,069 | 700 | 1:17 | \$106,399,300 | \$8,816 |

FY06 IT Appropriation - \$2,283,480 (Does not Include OTO Appropriation)



Costs and Challenges

Personal Computer @ 4 Year Replacement: **\$338**

Servers & Peripherals (printers, backup, etc.): **\$140**

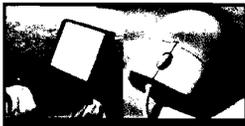
Case Management Software (maintenance): **\$540**

Network Connectivity & Office Software @ DoA's rate: **\$872**

**Approximate Annual
Cost per User to Maintain a
Minimum Level of
Technology:**



\$1,890



Cost and Challenges

Judicial Branch IT Profile

| Court/Office | Sites* | Computers | Case Management | Connectivity |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| District Court | 56 | 148 | G-JCMS/JCMS | Summitnet |
| Youth Court Staff | 35 | 140 | JCATS | Summitnet |
| Clerk of District Court | 56 | 291 | G-JCMS/JCMS | Varies |
| Courts of Limited Jurisdiction | 91 | 316 | FullCourt | Varies |
| Water Court | 1 | 15 | none | Summitnet |
| Supreme Court | 1 | 28 | C-Track II | Summitnet |
| Clerk of the Supreme Court | 1 | 7 | C-Track | Summitnet |
| Law Library | 1 | 14 | N A | Summitnet |
| Office Court Administrator | 2 | 36 | N A | Summitnet |
| Total | | 995 | | |

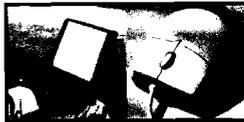
*District Courts, Youth Court Staff, Clerks of the District, and Courts of Limited Jurisdiction are predominately located in County Courthouses. The Supreme Court, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Law Library, and Office of the Court Administrator (financial) are located in the Justice Building.



IT Progress Report

Court IT Environment -- 2003

- FullCourt Installed in 25 Courts of Limited Jurisdiction
- 50% of the Local Courts and 50% of the Clerks of the District Court Had Limited Connectivity and Office Productivity Tools.
- More than half of the Computers in the Branch Were 4 Years or Older.
- Neither the Supreme Court nor Youth Court Staff had an Automated Case Management System.
- JCMS (District Courts), Already Obsolete by Any Technical Standard, Existed in Several Different Versions.



IT Progress Report

Court IT Environment -- 2006

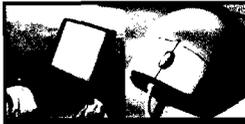
- Case Management Systems
 - Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (City, Municipal, Justice)
 - FullCourt
 - FullCourt Central Repository
 - Great Falls PD-Municipal Court Interface
 - District Courts
 - G-JCMS (refresh of JCMS)
 - FullCourt Pilot – 4th Judicial District (Missoula & Mineral)
 - Youth Court
 - JCATS
 - Supreme Court
 - C-Track

IT Progress Report

Definition: A Court Case Management System is a computer program that supports:

- Case Initiation and Indexing
- Docketing and Related Recordkeeping
- Scheduling
- Document Generation and Processing
- Calendaring
- Accounting (including front counter, cashier, back office and general ledger functions), and
- Management and Statistical Reports

Source: National Center for State Courts



IT Progress Report

- Interactive Video -- 2006
 - Video Capability in Every Judicial District
 - Study
 - Cost/Benefits Analysis
 - Governance
 - Technology
 - Managed Services Agreement w/ DOA
 - Work with DPHHS and MSP to Improve Quality of Service.
 - Work with County Officials to Integrate Local Interactive Video Networks with Court IV Network.



THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

- Policy and Planning
- Building and Maintaining the Infrastructure
- New Systems
- Connecting the Dots – Sharing Information

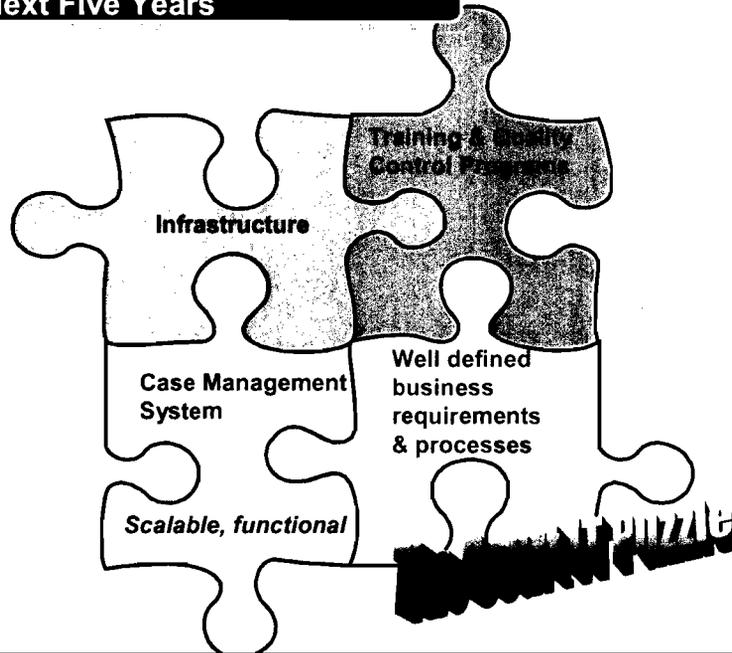


THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| ▪ Other Courts | ▪ Legislature |
| ▪ Law Enforcement | ▪ Federal Agencies |
| ▪ Prosecutors | ▪ Private Companies |
| ▪ Defense Counsel | ◦ Real Estate |
| ▪ Private Citizens | ◦ Insurance |
| ▪ State Agencies | ◦ Bonds |
| ◦ DOJ, DPHHS, DOR, | ◦ Collections |
| DNRC, DOR, etc | ◦ Etc. |

Information Exchange Partners

The Next Five Years



Thanks!

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