

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC01-27

IN RE: TRIAL COURT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In January 1996, a committee of the Court Technology User's Committee (currently the Florida Court Technology Commission) was established to assist and oversee trial court applications currently being developed within the trial courts to ensure that the courts' needs are met. In order to formalize this body, there is hereby created, as a standing committee of the Florida Court Technology Commission, the Trial Court Technology Committee (TCTC). By this order, the existence of the TCTC is hereby extended for an additional term of service to expire July 31, 2002.

The committee is charged with the responsibility for designing a long-range strategic plan to coordinate present and future technical development in the trial courts. In addition, the TCTC should be directed to provide technical guidance and consultation to the Supreme Court and the Office of the State Courts Administrator regarding information systems development and operational standards, policies, and procedures relating to automation in Florida's trial courts. Specifically, the Committee should address the following objectives:

1. Conduct an assessment of the data/informational needs of the trial courts, including case specific data, administrative data, and technology requirements related to the business processes of the trial courts, case management functions and tracking systems, automated legal research capabilities, evidence presentation, and state, federal, and management reporting requirements.
2. Conduct an assessment of the current technology infrastructure in the trial courts, including courtroom technology, which will identify functionality requirements and limitations of current systems and will encompass all information technology (IT) resources, including those under the direct control of the court and those under the direct control of the clerk of court or county government.
3. Conduct a needs assessment of the technology infrastructure which will identify the disparate levels of technology available in the trial courts and will determine what is required to establish technical equality statewide.
4. Develop standards, both technical and functional, for the implementation of new technologies necessary to address court

information needs and requirements, and to provide public access to information.

5. Provide guidance on the personnel and funding resources needed to support IT in the trial courts, including the identification of budget issues and funding sources.
6. Develop recommendations for statewide integration of trial court IT resources and electronic data exchange between trial courts and other informational providers.
7. Promote the implementation of advanced communication networks, which will support geographic distribution of court information.
8. Promote orientation/education/training programs on technology and its effective utilization in the trial court environment for both end-users and support staff.
9. Develop recommendations related to rule and statute changes necessary to accommodate advancement of technology in the trial courts.
10. Coordinate with and provide advice to the Chief Justice and Supreme Court, the Office of the State Courts Administrator, and other court committees on technology development in Florida's trial courts.

The following persons are appointed as members of the Trial Courts

Technology Committee:

The Honorable Charles A. Francis, Chair
Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Bernard Nachman
Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Scott J. Silverman
Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Judith L. Kreeger
Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Manuel Menendez Jr.
Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Catherine M. Brunson
Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable O. H. Eaton, Jr.
Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Lisa Davidson
Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Theodore H. Brousseau
Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Elijah Smiley
Judge, Bay County

The Honorable Harlow H. Land, Jr.
Judge, Lafayette County

The Honorable Robert F. Diaz
Judge, Broward County

Matt Benefiel, Trial Court Administrator
Ninth Judicial Circuit

Ted McFetridge, Trial Court Administrator
Eighth Judicial Circuit

Jon Lin, Court Technology Officer
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Ken Nelson, Court Technology Officer
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Jannet Lewis, Court Technology Officer
Tenth Judicial Circuit

Ronald Martin Owen, Attorney
Chair, Florida Bar Technology Committee


Paul Regensdorf
Attorney

In addition to the duties set forth in this administrative order dated June 18, 2001, the Trial Court Technology Committee shall assist the Court, the Commission, and the Office of the State Courts Administrator by reviewing the financial requirements of each court and making recommendations to the FCTC regarding the needs of the trial courts.

Staff support for the Commission and committees will be provided by the

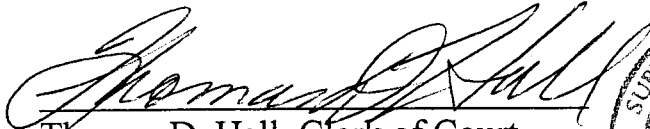
Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 18th day of June, 2001.



Chief Justice Charles T. Wells

ATTEST:



Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

