

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC01-45

IN RE: TRIAL COURT TECHNOLOGY
ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The need to develop technological standards for automated court systems is a priority for the Supreme Court. The Florida Court Technology Commission aspires to bring a cohesive, integrated approach to directing technology investment in the judicial branch, using technology to collect, process, and share information in a standardized format. This will provide judges with data that encompasses all divisions within the court environment needed to process cases and manage resources. Also, standard automated court systems will meet the needs of the public, the court's partners in the justice system, and others with needs to access court data/information. In addition, it will encourage innovative cost-effective projects that can be used throughout the judicial branch. This requirement of standardization has now become critical based on the impact of Revision 7 and the need to provide data in support of performance and accountability.

Currently, the trial court's data is stored within systems maintained by the Clerks of Court, Boards of County Commission, and/or other partners of the court (i.e., state attorney, public defender, etc). Some of these systems do not provide judges complete or current information needed for decision making related to the management of cases. The Court is requiring a technology assessment report to be completed by April 2002. The purpose of this order is to ensure the required information is made available and assure an accurate assessment can be performed.

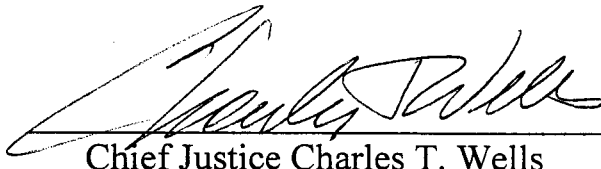
To develop these standards, it is essential for each organization that stores trial court data (Boards of County Commission, State Attorneys, Public Defenders, Clerks of Court, Sheriffs and any other organization) be responsive to any and all requests for information made by the Trial Court Technology Committee, a TCTC representative, or hired consultants.

Accordingly, all organizations that maintain trial court data are directed to provide complete and accurate responses to requests for information and to submit all such responses by the deadline specified by the Trial Court Technology Committee, a TCTC representative, or hired consultants.

All organizations are to assist the Trial Court Technology Committee, a TCTC representative, or hired consultants in gathering data/information for successful

completion of a trial court technology assessment.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 26th day of September,
2001.



Chief Justice Charles T. Wells

ATTEST:



Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

