

Challenges in Introducing Automation in the Courtroom

Courtroom Automation

The Challenge

- Courtroom Atmosphere Concerns
- Stand-Alone Courtroom Processes
 - Disparate Technologies
 - Lack of Business Process Standardization
- Rapidly Growing Caseloads
- Shrinking Government Budgets

Goals

- Define what is to be accomplished by Automating the Courtroom
 - Efficiencies
 - Operating without a Paper File or Jacket
 - Accuracy
 - Accountability
 - Improved Business Processes

Where to Start

- Acknowledge Multiple Courtroom Components
 - Judicial
 - Clerk/Judicial Assistant
 - Attorneys
- Analyze Internal Business Processes
- Define Internal Business Processes

Separate Not Equal

- Integration of Technologies not Separate Technologies
- Utilization of Multiple Technologies to Streamline Business Process
- Provide for a More Efficient Court Operation

Judicial Functionality

- Production of Forms
 - Integrated Signatures utilizing a Document Management System
- Access to Electronic Case File Record
 - Management and access to all forms of media records
- Introduction of New Technologies
 - Voice and iPad utilization

Clerk/Judicial Assistant Functionality

- Case Docket creation within the Courtroom
- Forms Creation/Content Management with Workflow
 - Provide the ability to electronically route media across agencies such as the Sheriff, Child Support, Probation, Attorney(s), and more.
- Integration of Digital Recording with Case Management
 - Streamlined Workflow

Attorney Functionality

- Ability to Share Documents (Real-time)
 - Between Judge, Clerk and Attorney(s)
- Provides Electronic Access to Case File Documents
- Ability to Electronically Submit Documents
 - Draft until Final Acceptance in the Courtroom
- Ability to Electronically Submit Scheduling Requests

Automation Benefits

- Shared Information & Integration
- Streamlined Business Processes
- Gained Efficiencies Through Technology
- Cost Savings by Implementing Technology
- Consistent Reporting Based on Standardization of Codes

Commitment to Technology

- Understanding the Upfront Technology Cost
- Understanding the Long Term Technology Cost
- Embrace New Technology to Protect the Initial Investment