Resolution 2015-2

In Support of the Joint Technology Committee’s Making the Case for Judicial Tools Resource Bulletin

WHEREAS, the National Association for Court Management (NACM) has, since its inception, encouraged the use of technology to improve the administration of justice and court leadership; and

WHEREAS, NACM has endorsed and supported the advancement of technology through policy papers, educational curriculum, and professional partnerships which encourage the implementation of electronic access initiatives, including electronic filing and construction of electronic courtrooms; and

WHEREAS, NACM is committed to improving the quality of justice through communication between those who develop and provide technology and services and those who manage the courts; and

WHEREAS, many states and territories have implemented several initiatives to transition to an e-court environment, including the digitization of the official court file and the automation of numerous courtroom processes; and

WHEREAS, despite successful strides to automate case management process for court clerks, case management systems have often fallen short in meeting the case processing, judicial decision-making, and management needs specific to trial court judges on the bench and in chambers; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Court Management, Conference of State Court Administrators and National Center for State Courts established the Joint Technology Committee develop and promote technology standards for the courts that improve court processes and business practices; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Technology Committee has adopted a resource bulletin entitled Making the Case for Judicial Tools that provides over 100 technology recommendations to support the needs of trial court judges in their case processing, judicial decision-making and management needs on the bench and in chambers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for Court Management endorses the JTC Resource Bulletin: Making the Case for Judicial Tools and urges its members to use the recommendations as a basis of evaluating and addressing the needs of judges in an electronic court environment.

RESOLVED, on this ____ day of______, 20__. 