



**National Association for Court Management**  
*Strengthening Court Professionals*

**Conference Call of the Ethics Subcommittee**

**Thursday, January 27, 2022**

**2:00 p.m. (EDT)**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 710 387 5466 Passcode: 021675**

1. Welcome and Introductions of any new participants
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 28, 2021
  - a. Approval
3. Governance Committee Call Report
  - a. Starting on State of the Profession Speech
  - b. Moving meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
  - c. Review of resolutions coming soon- addition of cyber security
4. Education Committee Call Report
  - a. Looking for proposals for the Annual conference
  - b. Communications looking for court manager content 2/18
  - c. We are looking for CORE presenters for the Annual on the following topics: Strategic Planning, Court Governance, Operations Management, Public Relations, Educational Development, Workforce Management, Budget and Fiscal Management and/or Accountability and Court Performance.
5. Update/Needs regarding Pete and Karl's presentation
  - a. PPT and handouts to Val 1/28
6. A Question of Ethics (Attachment A)
7. Next March 24, 2022



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## **Attachment A**

### A Question of Ethics

The digital divide is defined as the gap between demographics and regions that have access to modern information and communications technology, and those that don't or have restricted access. Technology can include telephone, television, personal computers, and internet connection.

As the pandemic continues the use of technological tools are being implemented to fill the gap of in-person hearings and trials. This divide is ever growing and promises to address the divide are woefully behind the increasing need. In some states and courts, long standing court operating rules are being suspended or modified to accommodate the implementation of technological tools. Using Canons 1.3- Fairness, 1.4- Respect for Others, 1.7- Assisting Litigants, 2.5- Properly Maintain Records, and 2.8- Proper Use of Public Resources, discuss the reasons the court is or is not responsible for closing that divide and if implementation of such methods impact the access to justice for all.