IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:                                                )
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COURT AUTOMATION                                                 )
STANDARDS AND JURY                                               )
MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE                                              )            Administrative Order
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT IN                                        )            No. 2001-21
MARICOPA COUNTY                                                  )
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        The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration §1-501 adopted by Administrative Order No. 2001-8, in relevant part, establishes a standard statewide automation system for jury management and a process by which local courts may obtain approval to implement a jury system other than the one prescribed by the code. The Superior Court in Maricopa County, referred to as the court in this order, has requested permission to acquire jury management software that is different from the software authorized pursuant to ACJA § 1-501.

        The court began its software acquisition process many months prior to the adoption of the code section requirements. Over the past 18 months it has conducted a needs analysis, released a Request for Proposal and recently completed an evaluation of the proposals and bids received.

        The court, through its evaluation process, has determined that the jury management system authorized by the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration will not meet its needs and, pursuant to the code requirements, sought the approval of the Commission on Technology (COT) to proceed with the acquisition and implementation of a new jury management system.

        At its January 5, 2001 meeting, the COT reviewed the court's request for approval. Pursuant to the authority provided under ACJA §1-501 (D) (3), the COT recommends approval of the court's request to acquire a non-standard jury management system. The COT also recommends that the use of the non-standard jury management system be limited to those courts whose jury selection is supported by the jury management system of the Superior Court in Maricopa County. Finally, the COT recommends that an analysis be conducted by the Administrative Office of the Courts to determine the suitability of adopting the jury management system selected by the court as the standard statewide system.

        Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and ACJA §1-501,

IT IS ORDERED that the Superior Court in Maricopa County is permitted to proceed with acquiring the jury management software selected through its procurement process.  The Administrative Office of the Courts will perform an analysis of the impact and suitability of selecting this product as a substitute for the currently authorized statewide jury processing system. The Administrative Office of the Courts will provide this analysis to the COT.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that use of the new system shall be limited to the Superior Court in Maricopa County pending the completion of the analysis and the review by the COT.


Dated this 29 th    day of January  , 2001.


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THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice