SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
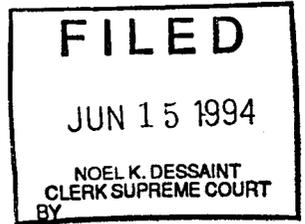
IN THE MATTER OF:

STATEWIDE AUTOMATION	)	
OF ARIZONA COURTS	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
_____	)	NO. 94- 37

WHEREAS, the Commission on the Courts, the Arizona Judicial Council, and this Court approved the strategic initiative to create a judicial data network for the Arizona Judiciary; and

The Administrative Office of the Courts has made progress towards implementing this initiative by undertaking the Arizona Court Automation Project (ACAP) and by designating funds for court automation projects; and

Resources are used most effectively and efficiently by eliminating, to the extent it is feasible and practicable, duplicative application systems and software support; and

The Commission on Technology was created to provide advice to the Arizona Judicial Council and this Court on court automation;

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that:

1. All courts, including appellate, superior, justice of the peace, and municipal courts, shall automate business functions by December 31, 1994. Such automated systems shall include, at a minimum, case management, court financial/cash management, and statistical reporting.

2. Court automation for the superior court and the justice of the peace and municipal courts shall consist of a single, county-wide solution, except as allowed by Section 3 of this order, and all courts within the county must use the same automated solution. The automated solution within the county shall be approved by the presiding judge of the superior court, must meet requirements established by the Administrative Director of the Courts, be connected and compatible with the judicial data network, and shall be submitted to the Commission on Technology for comment prior to implementation.

3. Courts in Maricopa and Pima Counties with existing automated systems that meet the requirements stated in Section 1, but are not part of a single, county-wide solution, shall develop a plan to implement a county-wide solution. Plans for currently automated courts to migrate toward the county-wide solution shall be submitted to the Commission on Technology for comment prior to submission for state or local funding. The presiding judge shall oversee the development and implementation of such a plan. The Commission on Technology and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall coordinate the plans and encourage development of shared or compatible application systems and shared software support.

4. State funding for court automation projects shall be made available, to the extent possible, for those projects that are part of the approved, statewide automation initiative. Local funding shall be used for court automation projects that are not part of the statewide initiative.

DATED this 15th day of June, 1994.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice