

Court Technology Framework

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Business strategy/governance/culture issues for Efiling by Judge Michael

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1) Organization of Court System

--unified or decentralized

--state vs. county vs. city—general jurisdiction vs. limited jurisdiction

--trial vs. appellate

--clerks included in court system or separate branch of government

2) Nature of Court Administration

--unified or decentralized (Chief Justice or Judicial Council or AOC or some combination of them)

--state vs. county vs. city

3) Nature of court funding—how to pay for implementation and operation of efilting system

--user fees

--general fund allocation

--calculate savings based on efficiency—reduction of FTEs—effect on overall funding of court system

--how calculate the actual cost of efilting—e.g., shift workload to judicial officers (drafting orders, etc)

4) Access to justice issues

--Access to Justice and Technology:

http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.rulesPDF&groupName=am&setName=ATJ

--Self-represented litigants

--Indigency/Disabilities

5) Court Rules and Statutes to make implementation possible:

http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.display&group=ga&set=GR&ruleid=gagr3

[0](#) (Washington state GR 30 on efilings)

State vs. local rules

Mandatory or voluntary efilings

Eservice along with efilings

6) Implementation Issues

--pilot projects?

--case type specific? (civil vs. criminal vs. family vs juvenile vs probate)

--involvement of other entities—law enforcement, prosecutor, public defense, bar associations, executive branch agencies such as AG

7) Impact on judiciary

--working papers vs. digital—who provides them?

--equipment and software to make it possible

--drafting and filing orders—staff process? Ethical issues such as ex parte contact (relates to eservice) Digital signatures?