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Dear 7th JD Bar Associations:

This information is offered for your member attorneys:

In partnership with the statewide “Going Digital” initiatives, there is a “Court Modernization Initiative” for the 7th Judicial District. The CMI overall plan is to get all courtrooms and public use areas up to a basic level of service (WiFi, power access to charge devices at attorney tables, and decent sound systems) throughout the 7th JD. As is reasonable, there is a measured implementation plan, with an ambitious goal of substantial completion in 6 months.

This CMI includes new WiFi access points for each courtroom. The CMI includes a plan to enhance “targeted areas” (public use areas) with public WiFi.

Additionally, there is a technology migration occurring: the use of WORD will likely culminate with no further use or support of WordPerfect.

Outlook will be utilized by courts for scheduling purposes.

“Going Digital” includes the use of E-Filing and Secure E-mail as the primary sources for filing and communication.

This information is offered for attorneys to consider as they review their technology and operations for the future.

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