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San Diego Superior Court Takes The Lead In Statewide Computer Effort

After a three-year process of designing, building and testing, the San Diego Superior Court is gradually turning the switch on a new computer program which will revolutionize court case management statewide.

Called the *California Case Management System Version 3*, or simply V3, the program is comprised of civil, small claims and probate case types. As the system grows, e-filing, imaging and kiosks will be added to provide attorneys and the public the ability to file court documents from home or the office and view case activity without having to physically come to the courthouse. The long-term goal of the program is that, once the system is implemented throughout the state, court staff will have the ability to access any case filed anywhere in the state with the touch of a button.

V-3, first rolled out in late 2006 in Downtown San Diego, is now being implemented at the North County courthouse. "The entire California Judicial Branch has been eagerly anticipating CCMS-V3. The fact that the San Diego Superior Court is leading the way for the entire state on this critically important case management system is a real tribute to our very hard working and dedicated judges, managers, supervisors and employees. We are extremely proud of our trail blazing efforts," says Mike Roddy, Executive Officer of the Superior Court.

The San Diego court is one of the "lead courts" working on CCMS-V3. Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento and Ventura County courts are also working with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the development vendor Deloitte Consulting. The V-3 system will eventually replace the computer program now used for San Diego's civil, small claims and probate case types.

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Because the program is so large, it is being implemented in phases as cases are moved from the old computer system to the new program. In addition, court staff is being trained on the new procedures. “While things are moving forward as planned, we are experiencing growing pains because of the dramatically different process for processing and maintaining the data. We are asking for the public’s patience during this transition period. It will be greatly appreciated,” says David Yamasaki, Assistant Executive Officer for the Superior Court’s North County Division.

Putting all state courts on the same “computer page” is not an easy task; there are 58 different trial courts in the state with various methods of operation. Trying to move the courts in the same operational direction is a slow, methodical process. This statewide effort is so huge it is being done in stages and in different versions. For example, V-3 or (*version 3*) involves civil, small claims and probate case management while V-4 (*version 4*) encompasses family law cases, juvenile, criminal & traffic cases.

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