



ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS

March 17, 2005

Honorable Ruth V. McGregor  
Vice Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Arizona  
1501 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3231

RE: IT Strategic Plan

Dear Justice McGregor,

The fifteen Clerks of Superior Court met on March 10, 2005. At that meeting they unanimously voted to request that the Arizona Supreme Court include in this year's IT Strategic Plan, a specific time frame for development and implementation of the general jurisdiction court case management system.

The Clerks feel there is an urgent need to establish a comprehensive plan to move the trial courts forward once the Pima "AGAVE" case management system is developed and implemented.

We are concerned that for over a year, the general reply from AOC about when we will be moving off AZTEC to a new system, has been "three to five years." In fact, the template for the IT Strategic Plan continues to state that a "replacement will *probably* occur within the next three to five years." Based on the development processes in Pima County, our assumption is that AGAVE will indeed be the new case management system for the general jurisdiction courts. Assuming this fact to be true, we recommend that work should already be underway to assure a smooth transition to the .net environment.

The trial courts cannot effectively plan or develop viable strategic plans without definitive information from AOC regarding time frames and plans to move to a new system.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Virlynn Tinnell

President, AASCC

cc: COT Members  
AJC Members