

STATE OF MICHIGAN 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	AUTOMATED JURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2000-1
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Scope and Applicability:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 2.510(D) which authorizes “the court clerk, court administrator, the sheriff, or jury board, as designated by the chief judge, to summon jurors for court attendance . . .in the manner directed by the chief judge” and with MCR 2.511(A)(4) which states that “prospective jurors may be selected by any other fair and impartial method directed by the court.”

This order authorizes the Jury Clerk, under the direction of the Chief Judge, to summon jurors for the circuit court using an automated jury management system.

The decision to automate the jury management system was made to ensure that jury pools drawn and impaneled in this county will be adequate to meet demands for jury trials in the circuit court for the foreseeable future. This can be best achieved by adopting technologically advanced methods for jury management while taking those actions necessary to protect the integrity of the jury selection process and the public’s confidence in it.

1. Definitions

The court adopts the definitions of computer, computer network, computer program, computer system and device found in MCL 752.792; MSA 28,529(2) when those terms are used in this administrative order, believing them sufficiently broad to include the technology described here.

2. Selection of vendor:

After reviewing the computer software programs capable of effectively automating jury management and capable of ensuring accurate application of the rules governing jury selection, the Court determined that the software “JUROR for Windows” developed by Omni-Tech Systems, Ltd., met the needs of this Court. The company was selected to install and maintain an automated jury management system for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Oakland County.

3. Automated system installation, testing and modifications

In entering into an agreement to automate the jury management system, the company agreed to install, modify, test and provide technical support to ensure that the juror selection process complies with governing statutes and court rules. Installation, testing and necessary modifications have been successfully completed.

The Court is persuaded that the integrity of the jury selection process has been carefully safeguarded by components of this software.

4. Access to information regarding the automated jury management system
 - a. To protect the public's confidence in the integrity of the jury system, information regarding the automated jury system will be made available on request. Such requests, including requests for information on the methodology that ensures that jury pools are representative of the population of the circuit, should be directed to the presiding judge in individual cases and, in all other circumstances, to the chief judge or his designee.
 - b. In each case, after a jury has been selected, the judge's list of jurors, which establishes the order in which the jurors were randomly drawn, shall be returned to and preserved by the Jury Clerk. Access to this list following jury selection is at the discretion of the judge presiding over the trial.

Therefore, the Jury Clerk, under the direction of the Chief Judge, is ordered to initiate use of the automated jury management system immediately.

Effective date: 1/3/2000

Date: _____

Chief Judge