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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2023

TO: Circuit, District, Municipal, and Probate Court Judges
Court Administrators
Probate Registers
County Clerks

CC: Michigan Association of Counties
Michigan Municipal League
Michigan Township Association

FROM: Thomas P. Boyd, State Court Administrator

SUBJECT: Elimination of JIS User Fee

It is with tremendous gratitude that we share Governor Whitmer's signing of next year's budget (FY'24) which includes funding for ongoing state support that will eliminate the JIS User Fee.

As you know, previous annual appropriations have required an assessment of this user fee to all trial courts using the JIS Case Management Systems (CMS). Since JIS systems were established over 30 years ago, local communities have collectively paid upwards of \$4-6 million annually in user fees. The elimination of this fee will be a significant cost savings to counties, cities, and townships across Michigan.

As outlined below, more than \$6 million dollars in current fees collected from local governments will be eliminated and replaced by ongoing state support.

Fees outlined in the chart below will be ZERO as of October 1, 2023.

Component of JIS User Fee	Required/Optional	# of Courts Invoiced	Approximate Annual Payments
Base Rate and Per Case Rate	Required for all courts that use the base system.	204	\$5,975,203
LEIN/SOS Module	Required for all circuit and district courts.	135	\$256,000
Hosting (Legacy File Storage)	Optional service, unless converting from CCS.	126 as of December 2022	\$212,946
Jury Module	Optional service.	39	\$82,199
MiCourt Remote Access	Optional service. Details managed by JIS.		varies

This means the final fee will be assessed in September 2023 for all trial courts currently paying user fees. No additional CMS user fees will be charged beginning October 1, 2023. Further, there will be no migration costs for any trial court moving to JIS and all ongoing CMS costs will be ZERO. This is a critical step forward as we travel the path to our inevitable goal, a unified statewide CMS.

We would also like to thank Senator Sue Shink and Representative Jimmie Wilson for their leadership in the elimination of the JIS User Fee. Our partnership with the Governor and Legislative leaders is key to bringing Michigan’s Judicial data under one roof.

Please review the [MSC press release](#) to learn about the other exciting parts of the Judiciary budget for the fiscal year which begins October 1st.