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On the Business Side: Changing Operations

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Electronic Court Records

To talk about today

- Prepping/scanning/indexing
- Workflow/logging/processing
- E-Filing/Electronic viewing
- E-Services/E-working copies
- Data Tracking/Reporting
- Document destruction

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Operations

- Receiving Documents 7,000 each day
- Prepping & Scanning
 - Scanning decisions
 - Double or single sided
 - Document quality
 - How to separate documents

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Operations

- Indexing – Quality Control
 - Indexing connects a document with a case number and sends it on a workflow
 - Quality Control policies put in place
 - QC steps different for e-filed documents
 - Delete an entire document? Delete a single page? How to handle redacting?

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Operations

- Workflow—Routing
 - Identifying where each document goes.
 - How many people can work on a document at one time? Sequential or concurrent steps?
 - How do people know there is work pending?
 - At what point do you want the public to see the documents?





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Operations

- Workflow—General Docketing
 - Batch processing pros & cons
 - One-stop – single work step
 - Easy and flexible
 - Automated steps

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Operations

- Activity Log—Tracking
 - How do we know what actions have been taken on certain documents? Some auto entries – additional info can be added
 - How can we replicate some of the tracking done in the paper file? Approval process?





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Operations

- Processing—docketing
 - Eliminating dual entry
 - Automating some of the steps
 - Communication between SCOMIS and ECR

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Operations

- E-Filing
 - Receiving the records electronically
 - Direct to indexing – no prepping or scanning
 - Clerk staff e-filing
 - Filing documents from the courtroom
 - Spotlight on docketing

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- New Cases
 - Receiving new cases electronically
 - Receiving payments
 - Providing information back to customers
 - New case reports

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Operations

- Accessing – retrieving records
 - Viewing electronically
 - Visual alerts
 - Working with agencies

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Operations

- Customer Services
 - New type of customer service – help desk
 - Customers need help with filing or viewing
 - Authentication issues come up - passwords
- E-Working Copies
 - Courtesy copies for judges
 - Printed with color, tabs, clips, or binders
 - New line of work – fee based process

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Data Tracking & Reporting

- Tracking Submissions
- Tracking time in process
- Tracking who did what
- Generating auditing reports
- Individual reports available

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The Electronic Record is the Official Court Record

- One system for original document
 - Allows for the destruction of records as long as certain steps are followed to preserve records indefinitely in a different format

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Destroying Documents

- Develop a process
 - Include a retention period
 - Contract for the type of destruction you need—cost/benefit
 - Separate from the other records

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