

INDIANA SUPREME COURT
DIVISION OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION
JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION COMMITTEE (JTAC)

What is JTAC? What has JTAC accomplished?

JTAC is a committee established by the Supreme Court to improve computerization for Indiana courts and clerks. JTAC has many technology projects up and running that are helping courts, clerks, and law enforcement in all 92 Indiana counties.

(1) Statewide uniform case management system ("Odyssey").

JTAC'S biggest and most ambitious project is to equip all Indiana courts and clerks with a 21st century computer system called **Odyssey** to manage cases – and connect each court's system with each other's and with law enforcement, state agencies, and the public.

This multi-year project is making solid progress since the first pilot installation in December, 2007: **75 courts in 24 counties** comprising 29% of the state's caseload are now using Odyssey to manage their caseloads. (These courts include the Marion Co. traffic court, the busiest court in the state, and the courts of Hamilton Co., the state's 4th largest.)

Counties pay **no license fees or annual maintenance costs** for Odyssey. Information on cases in Odyssey is available at **no cost to the public** on the web.

"Odyssey" is a leading national case management system with special Indiana features for clerks' financial duties and probation officers' caseloads. The rights to install it in all Indiana courts were acquired July 1, 2007, after a **competitive procurement** involving judges, clerks, and IT professionals from throughout the state. (JTAC began this project in 2002 but its relationship with the vendor collapsed in 2005. The vendor paid JTAC to terminate the contract.)

(2) Critical data exchange with law enforcement and state agencies ("INCite").

While Odyssey is being installed court-by-court, JTAC works closely with law enforcement and state agencies using a computer program called "INCite" to send certain critical data electronically to and from courts and clerks in all 92 counties except where noted.

- **Court traffic infraction data** — to BMV.
- **Domestic violence protection orders** — to local police and state Protection Order Registry.
- **Juvenile delinquency case data** — to Department of Child Services from juvenile probation officers (available in 82 counties).
- **Tax warrant data** from Indiana Department of Revenue — to clerks (42 counties).
- **Marriage license data** — to Indiana Department of Health from clerks (64 counties).
- **Electronic traffic tickets** issued using scanners — to courts Indiana State Police and sheriff and police departments (180 departments; 23 more in planning stage).
- **Mental health adjudication data** — to the FBI for background checks.
- **Court statistical data** — to Division of State Court Administration from courts.

(3) JTAC has made grants of more than \$3.0 million to courts, clerks, and law enforcement for computer systems and technology equipment.

(4) Research, education, web site, and other services.

JTAC also provides the following at no cost:

- **LEXIS-NEXIS** electronic legal research service for judges and clerks.
- Computer classes at **Ivy Tech** for court and clerk staff.
- On-line **child support calculator**.
- Indiana **judicial web site** with information for and about courts and clerks.
- County "**jury pool**" lists and jury management software.