

# Tactical Plan for Technology Update for 2025–26

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# Today's Discussion

- Technology governance and alignment
- Tactical plan considerations
- Overview of initiatives and updates
- Highlight participants
- Action requested

# Branch Vision for Technology

Through collaboration, innovation, and initiative at a branchwide and local level, the judicial branch adopts and **uses technology to improve access to justice** and provide a broader range and higher quality of services to litigants, attorneys, justice partners, and the public.

*Judicial Branch Strategic Plan for Technology*

# Technology Governance



# Strategic Goals

**Advance the  
Digital Court**

**1**



**2**

**Promote  
Equal Access to  
Digital Services**



**3**

**Innovate Through  
Community**



**4**

**Advance IT Security & Infrastructure**



**5**

**Advocate for Rule &  
Legislative Changes**



# The update!



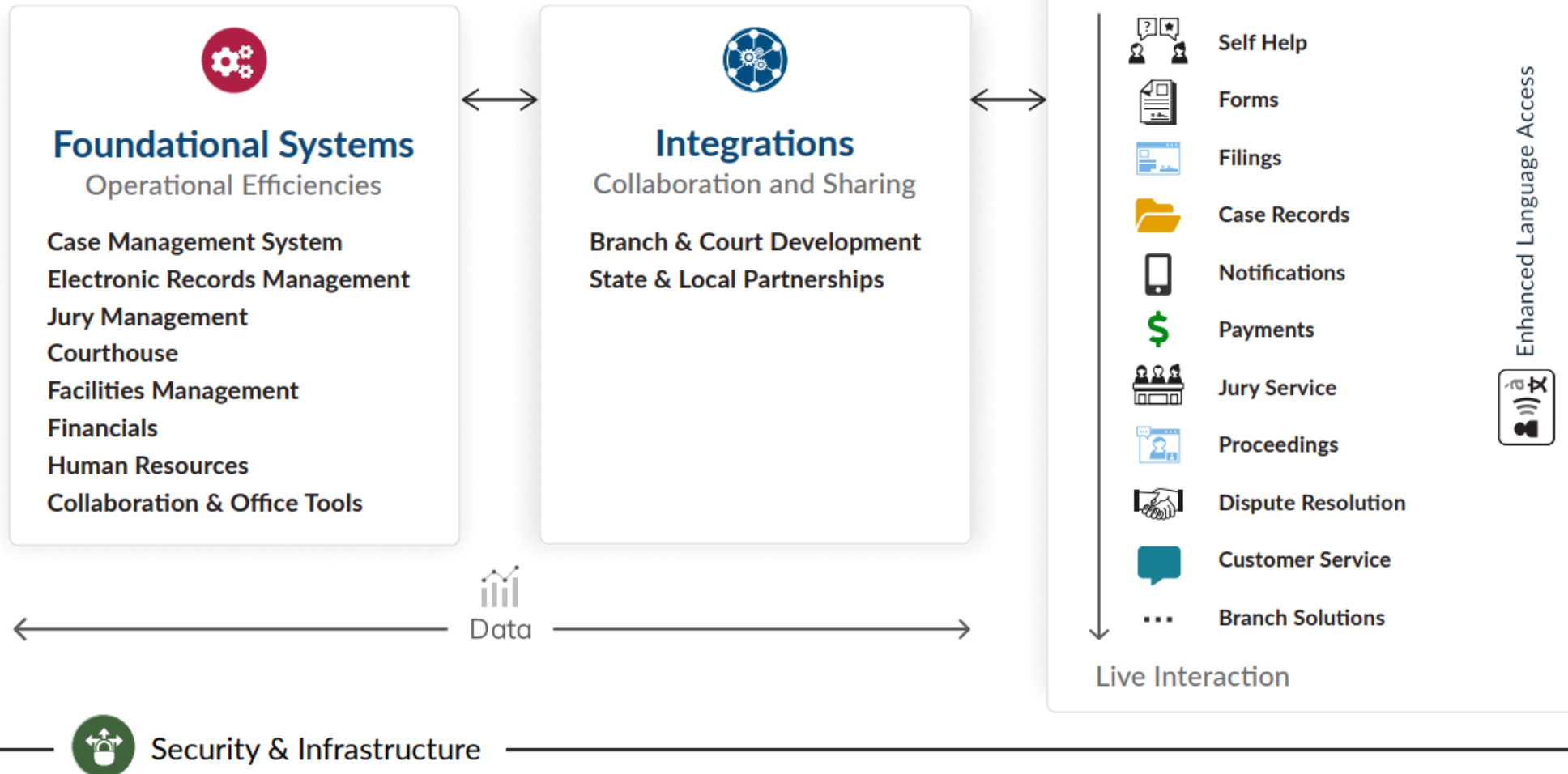
# Key Considerations

- Has **branchwide impact**
- Expands **online services**
- Supports **access to justice**
- Has significant financial and business **value**
- Needs financial or strategic **advocacy**
- Sustains momentum of **innovation**

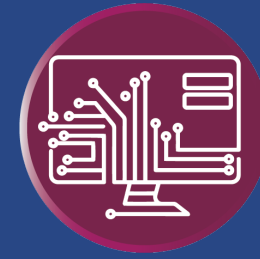


# California Courts Connected

The California Courts Connected technology framework represents a model of the foundational systems needed to operate courts and how those systems can be extended to provide digital services for the public and justice system partners.







## Foundational Systems

- Case Management System Optimization
- Expanded Use of Electronic Records
- Enterprise Resource Management

## Integrations

- Shared Integrations

## Public Partner Services

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- Electronic Evidence Management
- Language Access Technology
- Remote Appearances

## Data & Governance

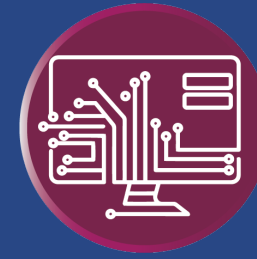
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## Security & Infrastructure

- Network Infrastructure
- Modern Hosting Solutions
- Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
- Identity Management
- Branchwide Information Security

## Emerging Technologies

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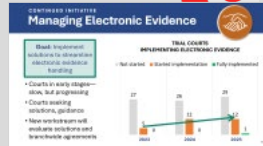


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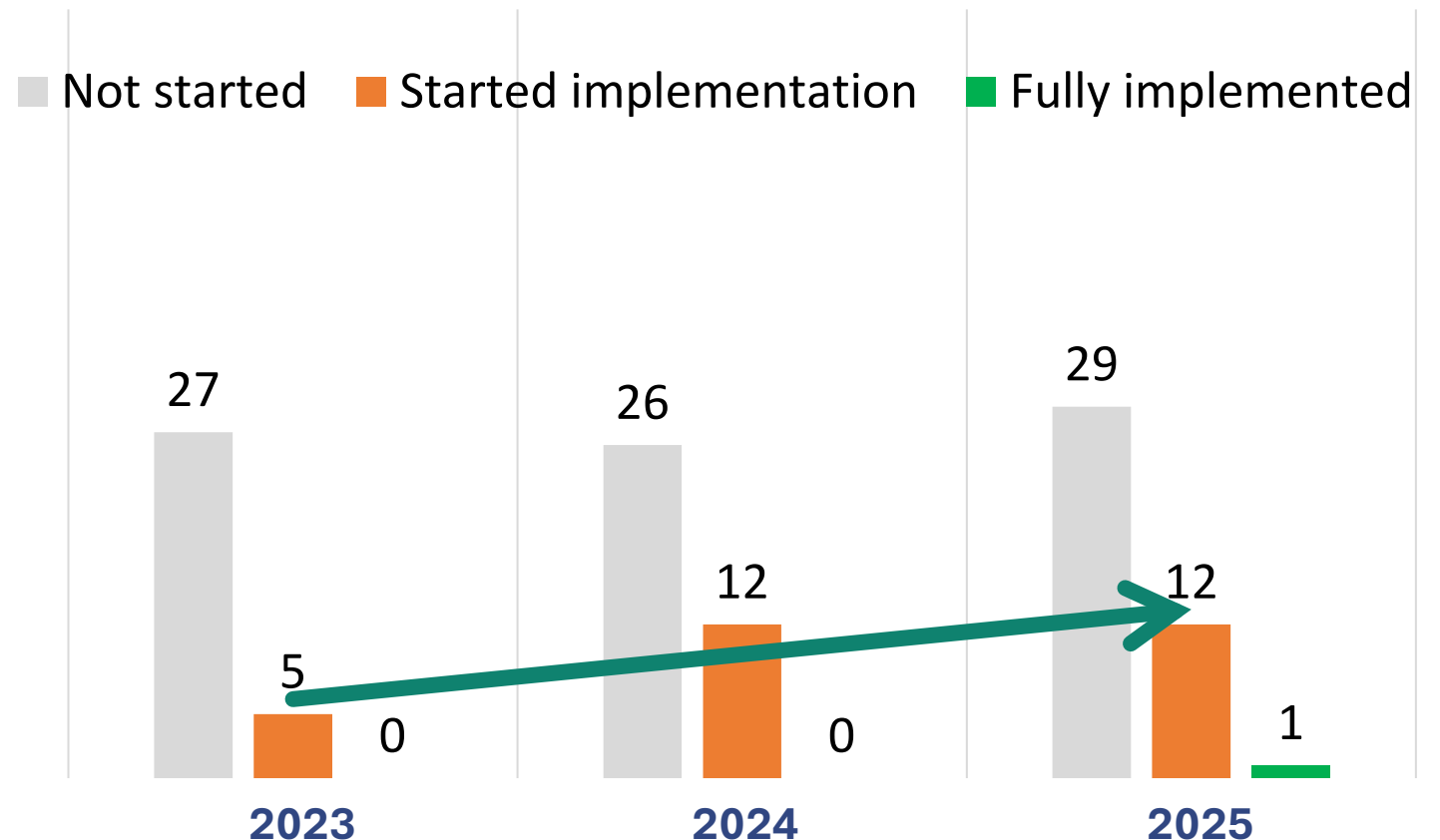
# Managing Electronic Evidence



**Goal:** Implement solutions to streamline electronic evidence handling

- Courts in early stages—slow, but progressing
- Courts seeking solutions, guidance
- New workstream will evaluate solutions and branchwide agreements

## TRIAL COURTS IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE



# Branchwide Information Security



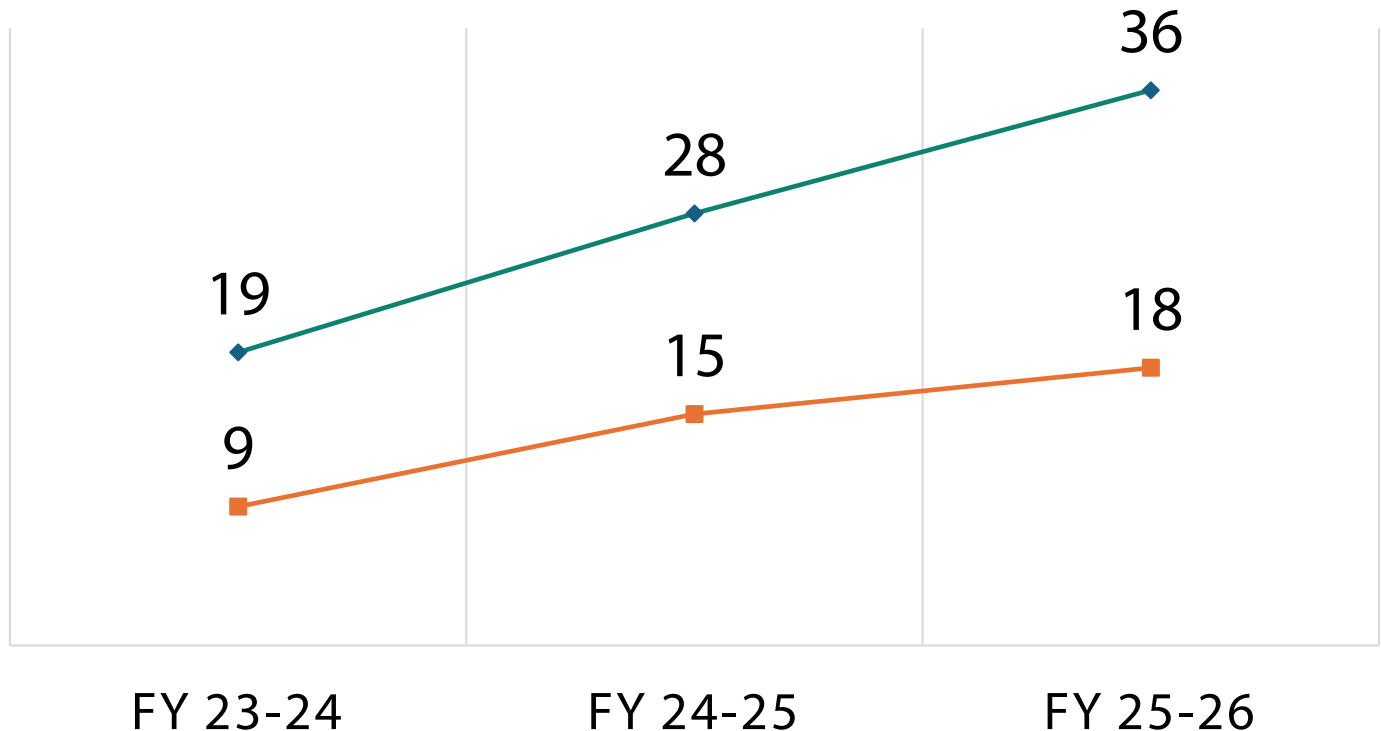
**Goal:** Promote effective, branchwide information security

- Key priority for branch
- Branch education and services in place
- Evolving risks need continuous maintenance
- Dedicated governance body
- Supports public confidence

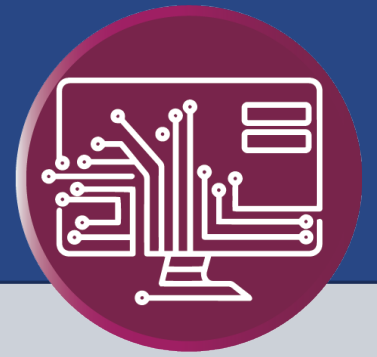
## CYBER/INFORMATION SECURITY PRIORITY

# of Courts Reporting by fiscal year (FY)

—◆— Top Tech Priority    —■— Funding Needed



# Emerging Technologies Program



Identify and implement innovative technologies to **improve court operations, enhance public access,** and support the judicial branch's long-term strategic goals

- Artificial intelligence
- Augmented and virtual reality for evidence presentation
- Cybersecurity enhancements

# Overview of plan updates

- **Sustained key initiatives** to maintain strategic momentum
- **Updated and refined focus** within initiatives for clarity and direction
- **Launched ‘Emerging Technologies’** as a dedicated initiative
- **Simplified language** for broader accessibility and impact

# Workstream Members

Various court functions, sizes, and demographics.

## Judicial Officers

Sheila F. Hanson, Orange (Workstream Sponsor)

Kyle S. Brodie, San Bernardino

Terri Flynn-Peister, Orange

Kimberly Menninger, Orange

Michelle Williams Court, Los Angeles  
(at time of contribution)

## Court Executives

Brian Cotta, Fifth Appellate District

Todd C. Eyster, Third Appellate District

Amy Downey, Madera

Bob Fleshman, Napa

Jason Galkin, Riverside

Neal Taniguchi, San Mateo (Ret.)

## Court IT Leaders

Quim Perez, Second Appellate District

Hector Gomez, Third Appellate District

Alex Lesberg, Fourth Appellate District

Tim Cool, Riverside

AJ Guzman, Sutter

Greg Harding, Placer

Luis Olachea, Los Angeles

Jerame Evans, Nevada

Scott Lindsay, Kings

## Additional

Carrie Holmes, CalBar Representative

Judicial Council staff and subject matter experts

# Action Requested

Request the Judicial Council approve the *Tactical Plan for Technology* effective 2025–26.



**Thank you!**