

IT Modernization Grants: Success Stories

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Agenda

- Background and Grant Overview
- Success Stories
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Priority Considerations
- Close and Questions

Background



Pursued
Technology
Planning



Recognized the
need for
technology
innovation to
improve access
to justice



Demonstrated
court
technology
progress



Awarded
ongoing funding
Budget Change
Proposal
FY 2022–23

Grant Overview

- Facilitate annual grant application
- Encourage appellate and trial courts to submit project proposals that meet their operational and business needs
- Align with [Strategic](#) and [Tactical Plans](#) for Technology
- Improve access to justice through technology

Appellate Courts – Digitization

Charles Johnson, Clerk/Executive Officer of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District

Problem: Storage cost, limited physical space, inefficient access, risk of damage/loss

Goal: Digital court

Outcome: By four Courts of Appeal

- 16,555,487 documents
- 6,389 bankers boxes



Fourth District, Division Three

Appellate Courts – Project Outcomes

Public Impact

- Immediate electronic access to records via digital systems
- Enhanced service to both court staff and the public



Cost Savings & Efficiency

- Annual off-site storage savings: ~\$20k
- Projected long-term savings: \$1.5 million+
- Freed up courthouse space
- Eliminated need for physical record retrieval and photocopying

Superior Court of Los Angeles County – Digital Evidence

Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, Assistant Presiding Judge

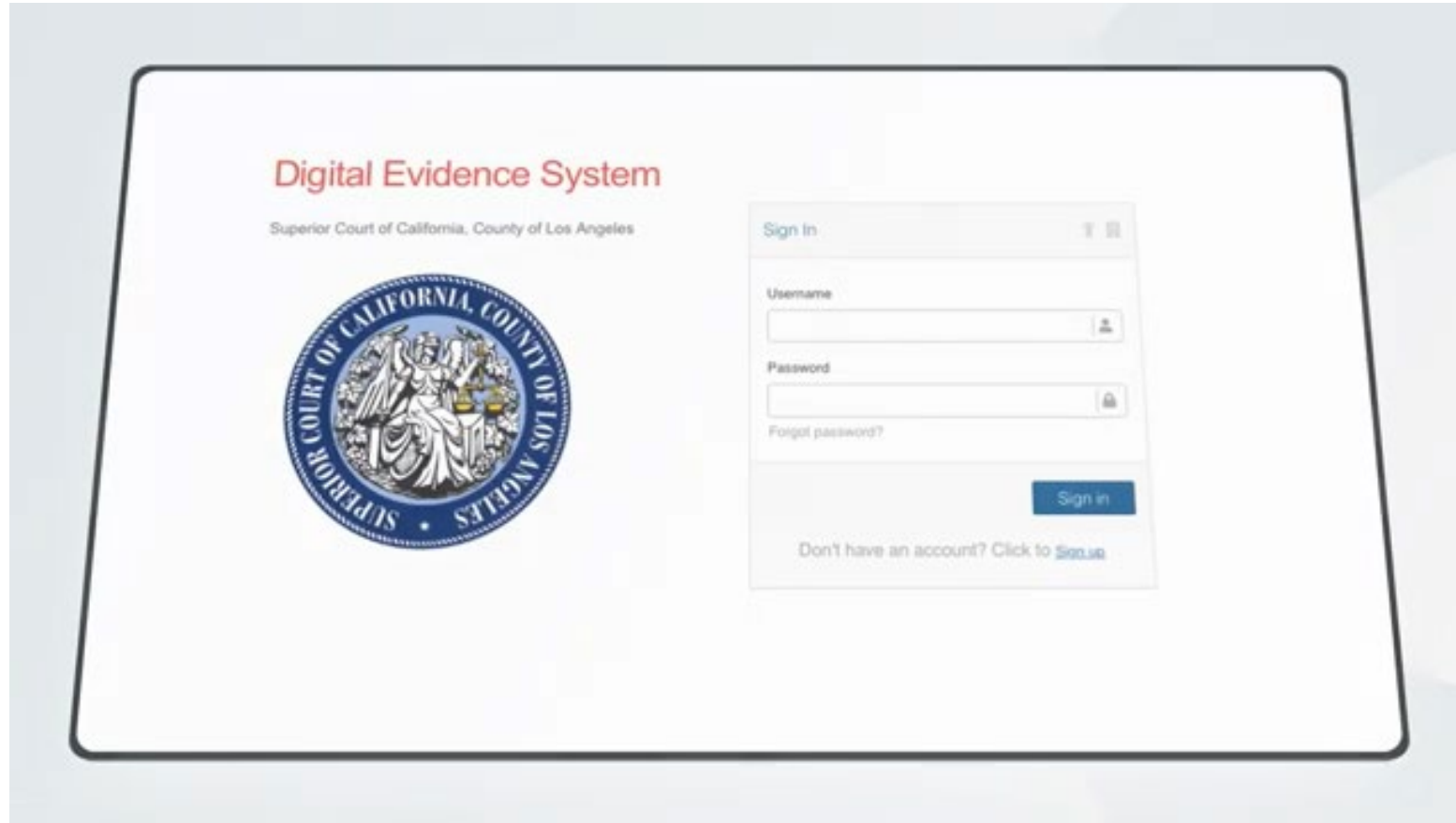
Problem: Inefficient manual processing for court participant and court staff, storage cost

Goal: Digital court

Outcome: All small claims evidence can be uploaded, shared, and viewed by court participants, attorneys, and court staff



Superior Court of Los Angeles County – Digital Evidence



Superior Court of Sutter County – Disaster Recovery

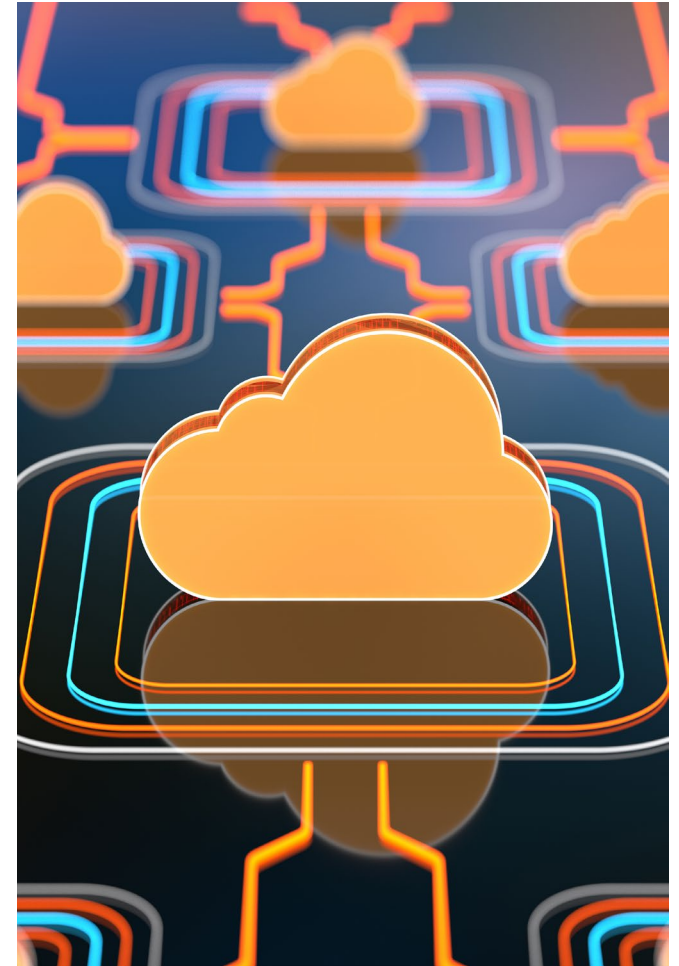
AJ Guzman, Chief Information Officer

Problem: Disaster preparedness

Solution: Back-up system in the cloud

Outcome:

- CrowdStrike outage—affected court like many other entities
- Recovered systems within minutes
- Enabled business operations by 9 a.m.



Superior Court of Sutter County – Project Outcomes

Impact:

- ✓ Demonstrated speed, reliability, and continuity of service to court operations
- ✓ Ensures timely access to justice
- ✓ Builds public trust

IT Mod Grants for FY 2025-26

- Prioritize cyber/information security
- Address evolving cyber threats to the courts
- Ensure court operations
- Support public trust and confidence



In Closing, IT Mod Grants...

- Enable courts to modernize through various technology initiatives
- Move us toward the goal of a “Digital Court”
- Improve access to justice

Questions