

Court Innovations Grant Program

Final Report
October 1, 2021

\$25M Allocation to Promote Court Innovation

- Included in the Budget Act of 2016.
- 51 grant projects across 30 courts.

| Area | Allocated | Spent |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Collaborative Courts | \$12M | \$9.35M |
| Family, Juvenile, Self-Help | \$8M | \$7.79M |
| Other Efficiencies | \$5M | \$4.74M |
| Total | \$25M | \$21.88M |
| Administration (5% cap) | \$1.25M | \$0.61M |

- \$2.51M unspent funds will revert to the General Fund.

Impact of the Pandemic on Innovation

- Budget Act of 2020 extended timeline to encumber or expend funds from June 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020.
- Accelerated the implementation of some innovation projects – for example: remote proceedings and online, remote, shared, self-help.
- Projects requiring in-person interaction experienced a decrease in progress and participant interaction.

Implementations, Learning Experiences and Opportunities



Remote Video
Participation



Online
Transactions



Data Analytics



Workshops and
Self-Help Services



Collaborative
Courts

Remote Video Participation Example

San Bernardino Video Conferencing Child Custody Recommending Counseling

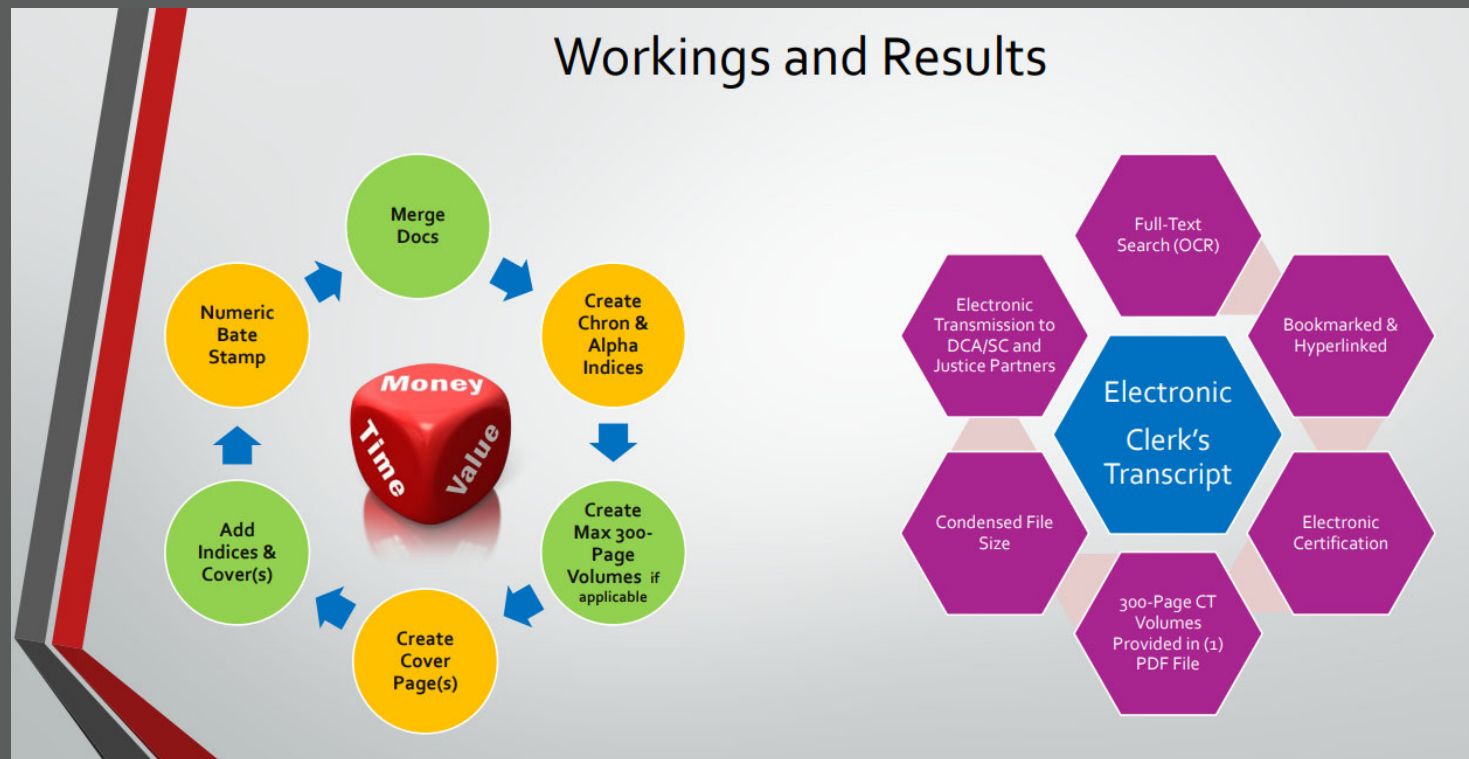
BlueJeans Videoconference Platform

- ✓ Accessible anywhere via Wi-Fi/Cellular data
- ✓ Available for use across several platforms
- ✓ Cloud-based
- ✓ Secure
- ✓ Private
- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ **FREE**



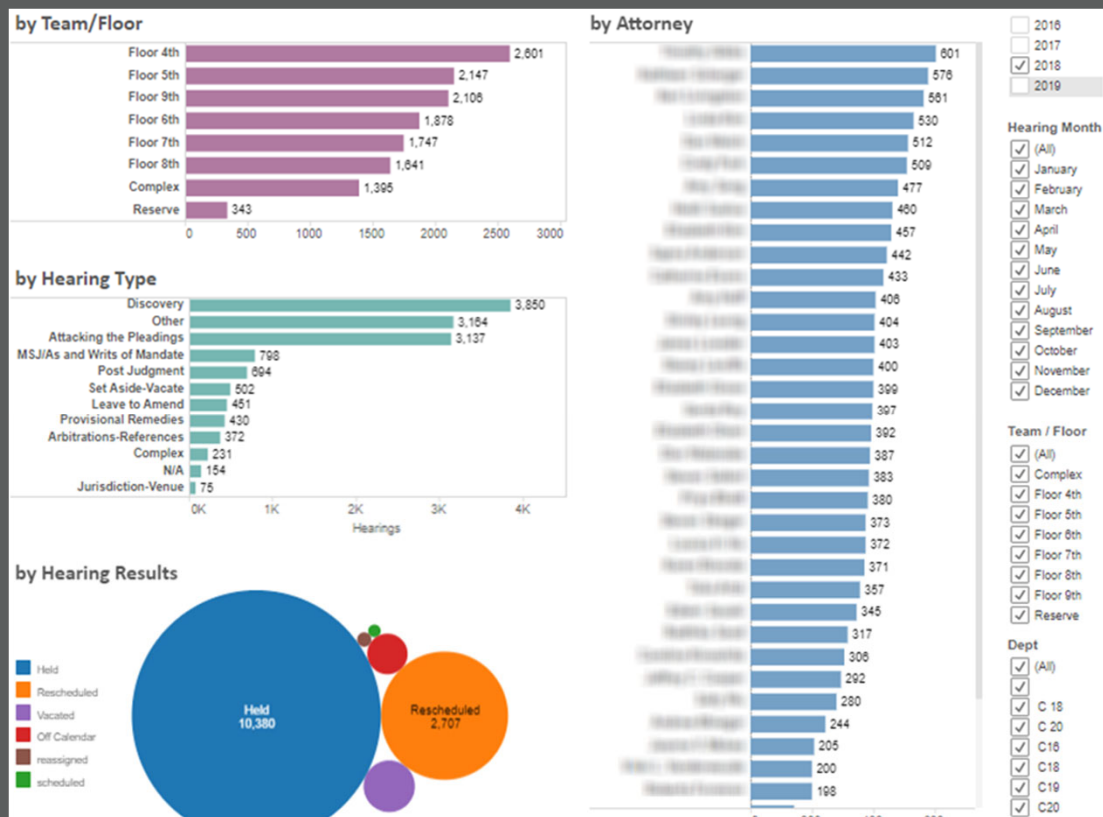
Online Transactions Example

Fifth Appellate Modernize the Transcript Assembly Program



Data Analytics Example

Orange Court Analytics Virtual Environment



Workshops and Self-Help Services Example

Butte Self-Help Assistance and Referral Program



OUR CHARGE:



BROADBAND ACCESS

Improve the current broadband capacity of each site within the 22 counties to support real-time video conferencing. Gaps in internet coverage are still noted throughout the state, often contributing to the digital divide.



VIDEO CONFERENCING

Expand access to the video-conferenced multi-site workshop platform created through SHARP. Using this platform, one legal assistant can support up to 50 people remotely through a single, live workshop that traditionally served significantly fewer participants.



TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Establish processes and systems to build the remote-access technology infrastructure.



REMOTE LEGAL SERVICES

Design and build the platform that will set the foundation for litigants to video conference from their home via mobile devices and computers.

Collaborative Courts Example

Fresno Human Trafficking Court

Trauma- Responsive Practices



Friday Court waiting room

- ❖ Voluntary
- ❖ Consistency
- ❖ Specialized team
- ❖ Safety planning
- ❖ Youth & Goal-driven
- ❖ Choices
- ❖ Survivor mentors
- ❖ Therapy dog
- ❖ Community involvement

Incentives:

- Individualized
- Experience-based
- Relationship driven

Results

- 51 innovation projects completed.
- Learnings from projects include not only successes but an understanding of what does and does not work and why.
- Innovations provided insight into court user needs. Informed court modernization efforts.
- Established a framework to track, manage, support, and encourage innovation moving forward.
- Projects contributed to the ability for courts to continue to provide important services to the public during the pandemic.