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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT'S OCTOBER 13TH COURT CALL CANCELLATION FOR eCOURT TRANSITION

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court and our Lake County justice partners have developed a new and efficient integrated case management system, eCourt, to replace CRIMS, a 26-year-old legacy mainframe. CRIMS could no longer support our court's needs for data sharing and reporting. Due to the system migration of data and documents from CRIMS to eCourt, the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's operations **on Friday, October 13**, will be modified. As addressed in [Administrative Order 23-26](#), all regularly scheduled cases and court calls will be canceled, except for First Appearance Court, Detention Court, and emergency matters. The Circuit Clerk's Office will notify all parties of their next court dates.

[In 2019, Journal Technologies \(JTI\)](#) was selected as the County's Integrated Case Management System (ICMS) vendor. The new ICMS will incorporate operations for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court and the Circuit Clerk's Office with eCourt, the Public Defender's Office with eDefender, and the State's Attorney's Office with eProsecutor. This new suite of tools will allow for seamless, effective, and efficient data sharing and will support electronic documents and automated workflow, reducing delays, errors, and limitations associated with paper files and improving customer service.

The eCourt Portal will be available starting Monday, October 16, 2023, in conjunction with the new eCourt system. The eCourt Portal is a web-based, user-friendly application that provides public access to court cases, court calls (calendars), and documents. It will also facilitate the online payment of fines and fees and will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. Attorneys will have a unique level of access to their cases.

For additional information regarding eCourt, attorney registration, and FAQs, visit the [Circuit Clerk's website](#).

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