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****UPDATE** NEW eCOURT GO-LIVE DATE IS OCTOBER 30TH**
**UPDATED INFORMATION WITH A MESSAGE FROM THE LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF
THE CIRCUIT COURT**

The Lake County Justice Partners, including the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, the Circuit Court Clerk, the State's Attorney, and the Public Defender's Offices, have diligently worked with Journal Technologies Inc. (JTI) to transition to the new integrated case management system (ICMS), eCourt. In the hours leading up to the data migration, the justice partners decided that it was in the best interest of court users to delay the go-live date. JTI and the justice partners have been training and testing through simulations to provide the best possible experience for all users and seek to speed up the processing time for transactions, which will reduce court delays. Over the next two weeks, the focus will be on addressing these issues to ensure proficient application use.

The first few weeks with the new ICMS will be an adjustment for all users. The go-live date for the eCourt solution has been shifted to **October 30, 2023**.

ORIGINAL NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRESS RELEASE FROM OCTOBER 11, 2023
**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT'S OCTOBER 13TH COURT CALL CANCELLATION
FOR eCOURT TRANSITION**

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court and our 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. Due to the system migration 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 and court calls (calendars). 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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