

Carefully Crafted by Staff who *Know* Michigan Courts

MiCourt is more than a case management system. It is the only case management system created for Michigan Trial Courts by staff dedicated to the needs of Michigan courts. It is the only system built to meet the needs of all court jurisdictions and includes flexibility to meet required changes from Michigan legislative or SCAO requirements.

Designed to Improve Efficiency

Currently working with nearly 80 percent of Michigan courts, JIS understands case management software and the impact it has on the operations of your court. Implementation of the new system allows courts to take the next step in software technology.

MiCourt features:

- A modern Windows based interface for easier use and training
- Improved coordination of multiple courts within a single case management system
- Increased ability to meet changing needs and help controlling costs



The Judicial Information Systems (JIS) Division of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) provides technical and automated information system support for the Michigan Supreme Court, SCAO and the trial courts throughout the state.

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Case Management System

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The **Premier** Case
Management System
Designed for
Michigan Trial Courts

Case Management Background

Case management is one of a trial court's most critical functions to keep cases on track for timely disposition. In the past, each trial court selected a system that best met that court's needs within its financial resources. This resulted in a patchwork of many different case management systems deployed in various locations.

MiCourt Background

MiCourt is a combined case management system for Circuit, District and Probate Courts. The application provides each court with details for record keeping, case-flow management, financial management and administrative reporting. Features of the previous JIS applications for trial courts, as well as many new features, combine to create the new system.

This streamlines court operations for efficient and cost-effective services by combining jurisdictional based applications into a single application.



A Case Management System Built for Michigan Trial Courts

The JIS team provides case management software and support to nearly 80 percent of the trial courts in Michigan. To ensure JIS was meeting the needs of trial courts, they collaborated with courts and started the Next Generation Project (NextGen). JIS worked with courts to evaluate the software and technology to determine the future for court case management systems in Michigan.

A number of factors led the search for alternatives to their current case management systems, including:

- Needed to upgrade technology
- Increasing mandates for electronic reporting requirements
- Failures and termination of support services by vendors
- Expense reductions needed by courts

The NextGen evaluation team decided that a custom-built case management solution specific to Michigan courts was the best answer.

Since the upgrade affects more than 250 active JIS courts, MiCourt implementations will ramp up and continue over the next several years.

- 2014 – Early adopter Circuit Court migration
- 2015 – Eight courts migrate from CCS
- 2016 – 20 courts
- 2017 through 2021 – 45+ courts each year

Features & Benefits

Built with all of the key features of the existing JIS court systems, MiCourt adds benefits to meet the needs of courts today:

- ✓ Non-jurisdictional case management system
- ✓ Standard presentation with common Windows features
- ✓ Centrally hosted software reduces need for local technical support
- ✓ Availability of automatic case numbering and judge assignment
- ✓ Availability for specialty court assignment
- ✓ Automatic assessment for filing fees and tickets
- ✓ Visual calendar, including calendar sessions
- ✓ Ticket entry allows for automated creation of separate traffic cases
- ✓ Probation module connects court case and probation case to allow sharing of information, while keeping probation notes confidential
- ✓ Notes may be added for internal use only and will not appear on the formal Register of Actions
- ✓ Reminder creation for groups or users to take actions based on cases or calendars

- ✓ Voucher generation for payables
- ✓ SCAO approved forms, integrated with Adobe, can be viewed or saved for viewing or printing later
- ✓ Predefined reports with multiple parameters for viewing or export to multiple formats
- ✓ Interfaces and exchanges with justice partners
- ✓ Collections tools include billing statements, collection notices and payment plans
- ✓ Shared receivables for Joint and Several restitution and automated disbursement process
- ✓ Automatic statutory pay down priority

