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COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION -ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Administrative Order No. 87-29

In accordance with Administrative Order No. 87-17, the Chief Justice may appoint advisory committees of the Council on Judicial Administration to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Now, therefore, in order to assure the proper operation of court-related management information systems on a statewide basis,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. An advisory committee on information systems be created to assist the Council on Judicial Administration in developing statewide policies and standards governing the development and operation of automated information systems at all levels of the judiciary throughout the state, in accordance with the following principles:

a. Information systems should use as many common data definitions as practical to facilitate the collection, manipulation, and distribution of data throughout the state.

b. Information systems should be developed and implemented at the local level under the direction and control of the judiciary.

c. Uniform information systems should be used, where appropriate and feasible, to integrate and coordinate programs that serve common jurisdictions, for example, all of the justice courts in a single county.

d. Presiding judges and judicial administrators should cooperate appropriately with city and county governments but shall determine, consistent with the goals of the Supreme Court, the form, shape, and content of local courtrelated information systems, as well as local policies for access to and dissemination of such information. 2. The advisory committee shall develop and recommend to the Council on Judicial Administration a statewide plan for the development of information systems in the judiciary. The plan shall include such things as the use of common data definitions, state communications standards, guidelines for developing information systems, and policies for the access to and dissemination of computer-generated court data.

3. Pending development of the statewide plan--to be recommended by the Council on Judicial Administration and approved by the Supreme Court--courts may continue to develop existing information systems. During the planning period, courts shall not permit the assumption of court information system operations by local governments, but may enter into appropriate intergovernmental agreements or other arrangements, consistent with the spirit of this order, to assure ongoing support for data systems.

DATED AND ENTERED this 72 day of July, 1987, at the State Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona.

FRANK X. GORDON, JR. Chief Justice