

**ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Request for Council Action

**Date Action Requested:**  
June 19, 2026

**Type of Action Requested:**  
 Formal Action/Request  
 Information Only  
 Other

**Subject:**  
COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

**FROM:**

Vice Chief Justice John R. Lopez IV, COT Chair  
Mr. Stewart Bruner, COT Staff Member  
Mr. Allan Alvarado, AOC Chief Financial Officer

**DISCUSSION:**

Vice Chief Justice Lopez, COT’s chair, and Staff Member Stewart Bruner will brief members on activities at the recent COT annual meeting including major topics of discussion and the information technology priorities ratified by COT. The list of priorities for FY27 approved by COT are provided below.

ACJA 1-109 specifies that COT recommends the amount of JCEF monies to be available for automation grant requests and projects while ACJA 5-102(C)(3) gives the AJC approval authority over non-automation allocations of the AOC Administrative Director. Typically, the COT Chair requests approval of specific automation funding for operations, ongoing programs, and new projects to ensure AJC sets aside sufficient monies from JCEF in the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Allan Alvarado, AOC’s chief financial officer, will brief the Council on the JCEF revenues, on-going commitments, comparison of revenue to expense, and the projected year-end fund balance.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approve the FY27 JCEF automation budget, as recommended by the Commission on Technology. Approve the JCEF non-automation court programs budget and the JCEF probation budget, as recommended by the AOC Administrative Director and as appropriated by the Legislature.

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Commission on Technology's strategic information technology priorities for FY2027-2030:

1. Production Support (incl. bug fixes, required changes)
2. **COOP** Synchronized with Recovery Strategy & Capability
3. Manage & Improve **Security**: CIS Standards, Remediation
4. **Addition by Subtraction**: Make Room for Next-Gen Apps
  - ◇ **Eliminate** Low Value & Duplicative Applications
  - ◇ Reduce Technology **Debt**
5. **Modernize** Irreplaceable Core Systems
6. **Public** Facing Services
7. **Artificial Intelligence**: Learn, Pilot, Exploit
8. **Integrate** Systems to Improve Productivity and Capability