

ELECTRONIC COURTS

Karl Heckart explained how courts are planning to maximize opportunities to better use and re-use digital information. He stated that culture and resistance to change are the hold-up rather than the e-courts technology itself. He proposed working together in the Branch to build on what we have today in an evolutionary approach having three parallel phases: 1) Court to court, leveraging the electronic appeal process; 2) leveraging prosecutors' information using the new Arizona Disposition Reporting System already in process; and 3) form-based attorney/public e-filing using standardized, interactive, statewide forms as the foundation to build upon.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to create an e-court subcommittee to drive and coordinate the statewide evolution of e-filing. The motion passed unanimously. TECH 05-07