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Court Case Management Program Phase II (CCM2)

CCM II PROGRESS REPORT

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Work is continuing on the first release of the Court scheduling system for the Case Management Offices (CMO) in Edmonton and Calgary. Development will begin in December to increase the search results and improve the search capabilities. These activities are aimed at providing the CMO the scheduling system they require in the future. The system does not have a name yet but Court Services staff have been submitting their ideas and hope to come up with a winner.

Justice and Attorney General is working with Law Enforcement on a technical approach to improve the management and transmission of digital assets such as video and audio information that is used in the prosecution process. These improvements are designed to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. When this initiative is in place it will support the digital distribution of these materials from law enforcement to the Crown and then to defence counsel increasing efficiency and creating ease of access.

Special points of interest:

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ACCA LEARNING EVENT

REGIONAL ROLLOUT

LAURA STEVENS, Q.C.

ACCA LEARNING EVENT

The Association of Canadian Court Administrators held their annual learning event in Toronto in October. Alberta sent a contingent of participants to the event led by Deputy Chief Judge Allan Lefever. Team Alberta presented two Power-Point presentations to the attendees. An overview of CCM1 was presented by Deputy Chief Judge Lefever, Greg Lepp, Lorna Ross, Barry Chatwin and Dan Chivers. They addressed the many changes that were implemented in Alberta during the initial phase of Court Case Management.

An informative and entertaining presentation was given by Brenda Haynes, Senior Manager of Edmonton Provincial Court and Basem Hage, Senior Manager of Provincial Court in Calgary, and Sheila Geddes, Organizational Change Management Lead, dealing with the "People Side of Change". Both of the presentations were a hit with the participants. Many of the challenges we face here in Alberta are echoed across the country as courthouses endeavor to update and improve services.

Regional Rollout

Work is proceeding on the Regional Rollout Pilot project scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2012. This rollout will see:

- The creation of a Case Management Office in Wetaskiwin and Okotoks, the first locations outside of Edmonton and Calgary to operate a CMO. These locations will become the template from which
- future roll-outs will develop.
- The addition of all Provincial adult criminal files in the Crown's PRISM system.
- Wetaskiwin Crown office access to PRISM.
- Crown and defence will soon be able to book cases on line for Okotoks and Wetaskiwin.



Analysis Sessions

The Regional Rollout Analysis team held analysis sessions in the J.E. Brownlee Building during the week of November 21-25 to review present business processes in preparation for the regional rollout. Representatives of the team included members of the RCMP units for Hobbema, High River, Turner Valley, Okotoks and Wetaskiwin, members from the Crown offices from Calgary Regional and Rural Response office (CaRRRO) and Wetaskiwin, and Court Services from Calgary Regional, Wetaskiwin, Edmonton and Calgary.

The team developed and created 41 recommendations to present to the Sponsors of the project. The sponsors included Deputy Chief Judge Allan Lefever, Orest Yereniuk, Q.C., Ed Towers, Sharon Lepetich and Staff Sergeant Steve Daley. Most all of the recommendations have been accepted by the Sponsors.

The general theme of the recommendations included the implementation of the CMO offices and Remote Courtroom Scheduling in Wetaskiwin and Okotoks.

Welcome to Laura Stevens, Q.C.

We are pleased to have **Laura Stevens, Q.C.** aboard as the Defence representative on the Project Implementation Committee. Laura comes to us as an experienced and respected criminal defence lawyer with over 25 years at the bar. She is a partner in Dawson Stevens Duckett & Shaigec. She is the former President of the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) and a sessional instructor at the U of A Faculty of Law in Advocacy.

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Wetaskiwin Representation

At the recent town hall meeting in Wetaskiwin, criminal defence lawyer Glen Allen graciously consented to being put forward as the representative for the bar in Wetaskiwin. We welcome Glen on board and look forward to working with him on the exciting changes happening in Wetaskiwin.

Glen can be reached at: G.ALLEN@SIRRSLLP.COM (780) 352-3301

Wetaskiwin Town Hall

Wetaskiwin Provincial Court held an information session on November 29th in preparation for the regional rollout. Members of the Wetaskiwin bar were present to hear how Court Case Management will effect their lives. Assistant Chief Judge W.A. Skinner was on hand to provide information to the defence, the Crown office and Native Counseling among others about the changes that CCM will bring.

Edwina Segboer and Kathy Buehler were able to share their insights about file management from a Court Services point of view.