



# Judicial Branch Update

**Interim Joint Committee on  
Appropriations and Revenue  
November 16, 2021**

**Elizabeth Lucas, ITS Director  
Carole Henderson, Budget Director**



## HB 556 (2021): Appropriation for Technology Upgrades

15           ➔Section 14. (1) There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the  
16 amount of \$14,700,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the Court Operations and  
17 Administration budget unit to provide technology upgrades for virtual hearing equipment  
18 between county jails and courts in the amounts specified below:

- 19           (a) \$6,000,000 to expand video arraignment systems to all courtrooms;
- 20           (b) \$4,600,000 to support videoconferencing systems to permit a hybrid court  
21 model;
- 22           (c) \$2,000,000 to incorporate a self-represented litigant portal;
- 23           (d) \$1,100,000 to procure redaction system software; and
- 24           (e) \$1,000,000 to procure self-service kiosks.

25           (2) Pursuant to KRS Chapter 45A, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall  
26 issue requests for proposals for the items listed in subsection (1) of this section by  
27 September 30, 2021.



## Challenges:

- 1. Project resources**
- 2. Equipment availability**
- 3. Stakeholder interest**
- 4. Geographic technology limitations**
- 5. Ongoing support of all KCOJ systems**



## Video Arraignment/Conferencing

### March 2021

- HB 556 Passes House & Senate
- July 2021 - Funding becomes available

### April 2021

- Internal Project Team Assembled
- Preliminary review of project goals & objectives
- Courtroom laptop interface installations begin

### May 2021

- Begin acquisition of test components
- Purchase JAVS 7 system for lab at AOC

### September 2021

- Build out of JAVS 7 & 8 labs at AOC
- Show & Tells Conducted as equipment arrives

### October 2021

- Project Kick Off Meeting held
- Preferred platform - Zoom

### December 2021

- Proof of Concept:
  - Campbell County
  - Warren County

### Stakeholders:

Judge Cameron Blau  
Judge Jay Delaney  
Judge Julie Ward  
Damon Preston, Public Advocate  
Melanie Foote, DPA  
Todd Ruckel, CO Judge/Exec Assoc

Circuit Clerk Claudette Faudere  
Circuit Clerk Stephen Kaelin  
Circuit Clerk Shannon Kirtley  
Shellie Hampton, KY Assoc of Counties  
Gracie Lagadinos, KY Assoc of Counties

Jailer James Daley  
Jailer Stephen Harmon



## Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Portal

### March 2021

- HB 556 Passes House & Senate
- July 2021 - Funding becomes available

### April 2021

- Internal Project Team Assembled
- Preliminary review of project goals & objectives

### May –

### September 2021

- Begin research of tools
- Guided interviews are built and tested (Small Claims, Probate, DV)

### October – December 2021

- Project Kickoff Meeting conducted
- Meetings with ATJC and Office of Language Access
- Build guided interview for Divorce

### January – March 2022

- Identify pilot programs
- Assist with Legal Self Help Center Launch in Fayette
- Evaluate additional device installations in courthouses

### Stakeholders:

#### Circuit Court Clerks:

- Linda Avery, Calloway County
- Amy Saunders, Fleming County
- Diane Thompson, Nelson County

#### Justice Partners:

- Nan Hanley, Access to Justice Commission (ATJC)

#### Justice Partners cont.

- Glenda Harrison, ATJC
- Kelly Krucki, Legal Aid Society
- Susan Montalvo-Gesser, Kentucky Bar Association (KBA)
- Beth Robinson-Kinney, Legal Aid Society
- Steve Smith, KBA
- Hilary Writ, Kentucky Department of Library & Archives (KDLA)
- Nikole Wolfe, KDLA



## Redaction System Software

### March 2021

- HB 556 Passes House & Senate
- July 2021 - Funding becomes available

### April 2021

- Internal Project Team Assembled
- Preliminary review of project goals & objectives

### May – October 2021

- Proof of Concept
- Initial Workgroup Meeting Held
- Purchase Order Submitted for Software

### November – December 2021

- CSI's Intellidact license received 11/05/21
- Project Planning with CSI

### January – March 2022

- Hardware Provisioning
- Redaction Software Configuration

### April – July 2022

- Integration with KYeCourts
- **August – December 2022**
- Pilot

### Stakeholders:

#### Judges:

Amy Sullivan Anderson, District Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Jay Delaney, Chief Circuit Judge, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
John M. McCarty, Chief District Judge, 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

#### Circuit Court Clerks:

Herbert McKee, Jr., Henderson County  
David Martin, Boone County  
David Nicholson, Jefferson County

#### Kentucky Bar Association (KBA):

Olivia Keller  
Jeff Sallee  
Josh Smith  
Christine Stanley



## Self-Service Kiosks

### March 2021

- HB 556 Passes House & Senate
- July 2021 - Funding becomes available

### April – October 2021

- Internal Project Team Assembled
- Preliminary review of goals & objectives
- Conducted research regarding kiosk options

### November – December 2021

- Complete review and execute contract with vendor

### January – March 2022

- Complete development work including data shares and updates to financial software

### April/May 2022

- Implement Pilot site and assess
- **June – August 2022**
- Complete rollout of Phase I and activate retail option statewide

### December 2022

- Evaluate Lessons Learned from Phase I and determine next steps

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Amy Saunders, Fleming County  
Diane Thompson, Nelson County

### Justice Partners:

Nan Hanley, Access to Justice Commission (ATJC)  
Glenda Harrison, ATJC  
Hilary Writ, Kentucky Department of Library & Archives (KDLA)  
Nikole Wolfe, KDLA  
Todd Morton, Keefe Group  
Michael McKinney, Probation and Parole



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## Questions?