



Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

It shall be the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch that it will utilize technology in support of its operations to:

- a. achieve efficiencies;
- b. maximize resources; and
- c. provide quality service to its customers.

II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

Implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the State Court Administrator, acting as the Judicial Council's agent.

The State Court Administrator shall develop and maintain an Enterprise Information & Technology Architecture as a framework for documenting the information systems of the Branch, the business processes they support, and the technology components they use. The Enterprise Information & Technology Architecture shall contain business strategies that guide the use of technology. It will provide decision makers with an enterprise-wide perspective of the business value of information technology and managing information systems throughout their useful life cycles.

The *Information Architecture* explains how information technology is used to meet business goals. It defines how people interact with information systems, how data is stored and managed, how applications are defined, developed, and maintained, and how systems work together within the Judicial Branch and with outside agencies. It is organized into three logical domain architectures: Application, Data, and Integration.

The *Technology Architecture* describes what technologies are used in the Judicial Branch's information systems. It describes the application platforms, networks, and processors, and systems management practices that provide a secure and reliable environment for hosting the judicial branch's information systems. It is organized into Infrastructure, System Management, and Security domains.

III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Strategic direction must be approved by the Judicial Council.