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Findings:

- The present decentralized court information network consists of a patchwork of incompatible systems that wastes tax dollars, undermines efficiency and accountability, thwarts comprehensive understanding of trends and opportunities, compromises data security, increases user costs, and weakens the judicial branch's ability to respond to disaster.
- Effective, fully functional court technology requires upfront investment in an integrated statewide system, and a sustainable revenue stream to upgrade and maintain the system.

Recommendations:

- Create a single, integrated court information and case management system. (There is a minority view opposing this recommendation.)   
- Follow the federal model in developing technology initiatives for all Michigan courts.
- Adopt common principles and mandate common standards for all automated court processes and for electronic courtroom presentations.   
- Immediately develop a single statewide standard for the purchase of technology that will be compatible with a unified statewide system.   
- Centralize and manage statewide dedicated revenue streams for court system technology, using a combination of approaches and funding sources that includes:   
 - An increase in civil filing fees dedicated to technology
 - Specific access fees, such as for e-filing, e-tickets, and e-searches of court records
 - A bond proposal to finance the initial outlays necessary to expedite the integration of existing court information systems
- Phase out or reduce the user fee structure for all courts on single mandated systems.   

Structure and Resources 

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Business Impact 