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Office receives national recognition for its innovative program

Over the past several years, the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office has made many achievements. This month, an achievement was made for them – a national achievement award that is. The National Association of Counties (NACo), which represents the nation's county governments in Washington, D.C., presented the Office with one of their Achievement Awards for developing an innovative program that enhances county services. The award-winning Office program is:

Pre-2002 Adult Case Record Imaging Project – This effort was initiated to create a comprehensive electronic court record (ECR) by converting more than 515,000 cases on paper into an electronic format, totaling more than 15.6 million pages of documents. The records set for conversion dated from 2002 back to 1982 and encompassed all Adult case types – Criminal, Civil, Family, Mental Health, Probate, and Tax. The project was completed in less than three years and it resulted in bringing the Clerk's total ECR to more than 216 million pages, which is one of the nation's largest Superior Court ECR's. Digitizing the records provides greater access to all court users, offers greater physical security and reduces the risk of accidental damage, misplacement or loss of paper records. Additionally, the project supported the Office's ongoing strategic initiative to further implement and utilize the ECR by creating a true, permanent electronic archive of court records and provides records to case parties remotely via electronic access. In addition, this effort also assisted the Arizona Administrative Office of the Court's initiative to provide case records remotely through a newly-developed, impending statewide eAccess system.

"It is an honor to have such national recognition for our efforts," Clerk of the Court Michael Jeanes said. "This award shows the innovation of our employees and their efforts to improve service."

The achievement award brings to a total of 39 NACo awards the Office has received over the past 29 years for its innovative programs.