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**IMPORTANT STATISTICS**

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

**Criminal**
- 1.05 million Daily transactions
- 49.27 million Criminal cases
- 4.74 million Infraction cases

**Civil**
- 322,945 Daily transactions
- 23.1 million Civil cases
- 117.87 million Total transactions

**eCitation**
- Over 3,100 eCitations created daily
- 26,952 Law enforcement officer users
- 520 Law enforcement agencies (new agencies added monthly)

**Email**
- 42 million Emails securely delivered
- 22 million Email spam / malware attacks blocked

**NCAWARE**
- 14,647,923 Processes (served / unserved)
- 53,042 Court and law enforcement users
- 1,621 Average processes served each day

**payNCticket®**
- 1,280,301 Citations disposed
- More than $294 million collected since inception

**Credit Card Payments in Courthouses**
- 1,125,376 Payments processed
- More than $192.4 million in receipts collected since inception

**Help Desk**
- 118,055 Call tickets processed
- 34,944 Password resets via self-service

**Support Services – Access Administration**
- 16,850 Access requests processed at an average of 1,404 per month

**Web Calendars**
- More than 2.7 million average workday transactions

**OCAP**
- 491,156 payments processed totaling $112,784,854.90 since inception

**Court Date Notifications**
- 12,235 Subscriptions
- 13,635 Notifications
- 42,121 Reminders

**WHAT USERS ARE SAYING**

**Guilford County Magistrate**
“NCAWARE ties the entire state under one uniform system. A magistrate now has the ability to search statewide, and a defendant can now surrender at any county courthouse with a magistrate.”

**Guilford County Victim / Witness Legal Assistant**
“CCIS – DA is always one step ahead.”

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**OUR COLLABORATIVE APPROACH**

Technology Services staff work with the Judicial Branch’s more than 1,200 elected and appointed officials and other court personnel to determine the diverse business needs for technology. Advisory committees with representatives from business units are assembled to advise TSD teams as technology projects are undertaken. To further Judicial Branch involvement in strategic information technology initiatives, an IT governance process has been designed that relies heavily upon user input.
ABOUT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Services Brief Description

Applications Development and Support
Customized computer systems are provided to house, track, and manage court records and cases. By using the most advanced software development techniques, Applications Development tailors these systems to meet the varying and unique needs of the North Carolina court system and its diverse stakeholders.

Information Security Program
The Information Security Office (ISO) oversees the NCAOC Cybersecurity Program. The program aligns with NIST standards (800-53R4) and is designed to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of NCAOC Information Systems and Data. The ISO is comprised of Information Security / Security Architecture and Risk Management and Privacy. Key ISO services include security, risk and privacy, vulnerability management and compliance, policy development, disaster recovery oversight, security incident response, cybersecurity training / awareness, and security and privacy requirements for third-party agreements.

Infrastructure and Operations Support (IOSS)
This 24x7x365 operation designs, supports, and secures statewide data, voice, and video traffic data networks. This section oversees the Data Center, Network Operations Center, and all statewide court computer operations. In addition, this section is responsible for the disaster recovery and business continuity of operations for both the network and computer environments.

Project and Quality Management Office (PMO)
Quality and the timely delivery of products and services are ensured through detailed monitoring. While adhering to project management best practices, PMO supports TSD by establishing and reviewing practices and principles, and overseeing project status reporting and project information sharing.

Quality Control and Testing (QCT)
Delivering top-notch quality systems is the responsibility of the QCT section. The main goal is to achieve customer satisfaction for judicial officials, NCAOC computer users, and external users such as law enforcement. By adhering to quality control standards and best practices, minimizing defects and cost reductions are attainable through early error detection. With an ever-present focus on quality and user satisfaction, this section is the last line of defense and is responsible for ensuring the completion and fulfillment of all requirements before systems are delivered to stakeholders.

Service Desk
This 24x7x365 operation serves as the first point of contact for all Judicial Branch computer users, including court employees and external users such as law enforcement. The major goal of the Help Desk is to resolve reported issues in a timely manner by prioritizing requests for assistance depending on the severity of the issue.

The NCAOC Help Desk is available 24x7x365 at 919-890-2407.