



Lake County
Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division

Judge Michael L. DeLeone

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Lake County Juvenile Court, Clerk of Courts, and the Board
of Lake County Commissioners

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Announces: Updated Case Management System

Judge Michael L. DeLeone, Clerk Faith Andrews, and the Board of Lake County Commissioners is grateful to announce that with the support of the Lake County Clerk of Common Pleas Court Faith Andrews and the Board of Lake County Commissioners, the Juvenile Court will be upgrading their Case Management System Software. Lake County Clerk of Common Pleas Court Faith Andrews had requested a surplus to be allocated to fund the new Case Management Software System. Effective February 22, 2024 the Lake County Commissioners Office unanimously voted to pass a resolution so the funds could be utilized for this necessary software update.

Clerk Andrews provided the funding for this project as she believes in Equal Justice Under the Law and Access to Justice for All. "The current case management system employed by the Juvenile Court is outdated and does not provide access to justice for the people. Improving case flow within the court as well as the public's access will assist the Court in better serving the people of Lake County."

"We look forward to implementation of this new Case Management Software System which will enhance the ability to serve juveniles and their families in the court system and ensure their needs are met," said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

"Investing in new software for Juvenile Court is a necessary step to modernize operations and improve the overall experience for those involved in juvenile cases," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. "We are confident that upgrading their Case Management software system program will provide them with the tools they need to effectively manage their caseload."

The current case management system employed by the court has been in place for over 15 years. The current version is outdated and has numerous shortcomings. Specifically, it does not provide for e-filing, does not provide access to the public, and attorneys are unable to review the status of cases. The Court has researched software systems from ezJustice to provide the Juvenile Division with a modernized case management system. The proposed new case management system would bring the Court's system the capabilities of improved electronic case flow, e-filing, improved supervision module, increased access to the public, and remote reporting tools. The new case management system could reduce time spent on administrative tasks that can be handled through intelligent automation. The new system would allow access to attorneys and the public to review cases, check court hearing status, and file motions on cases. This software would be a global upgrade to all departments of the Juvenile Court. Increasing case flow within the court as well as the public's access would assist the Court in better serving the people of Lake County. Clerk Andrew's collaboration serves the interest of justice and is made possible through the Commissioners Office. Juvenile Court is grateful to the Clerk of Courts and Commissioners office for improving the Juvenile Court process.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner in this innovative project with Judge DeLeone and Clerk Andrews. The Board appreciates the collaboration between our other Elected Officials to purchase this new software system and update our technology," said Commission President John T. Plecnik.

Judge DeLeone is pleased to see the Court obtain a new system that will increase efficient work flow and improve access to the public. "This upgraded system will put Juvenile Court in a better position to serve the people of Lake County. We are grateful to Clerk Andrews and the Board of Lake County Commissioners for making this possible."