



UPDATE ON COURT SYSTEM

**Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee
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Legislation

- Review and training of judicial officers and staff regarding new Legislation
- Implementation of necessary form changes
- Process commencing to advertise for new created judge and staffing positions



Staffing

- Retirement of two long standing Superior Court Clerks and their replacements
- Reinstatement of "Day in Montpelier" training and provision of customer service training to all courts
- Staff trained to support Webex for remote hearings



Technology

- Network migration
- Implementation of a digital evidence management system
- Successful migration of all arrest warrants to digital platform (VOWS - Vermont Order and Warrant System)
- Ongoing migration of county protection orders to VOWS to be completed by this fall.



Buildings

- Preparation and planning is ongoing for upcoming construction projects in Windham and Windsor Counties
- Windsor County – moving from WRJ courthouse to off site locations and county courthouse
- Windham County – work to occur while building in use



Backlog – 13 mo. avg. clearance rate

- Criminal - 110%
- Civil – 119%
- Family (domestic) – 102%
- Family (juvenile) – 119%
- Probate – 114%
- Environmental – 129%
- Judicial Bureau – 104%



Questions?

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

