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NACM Announces 2015 Top 10 Court Websites Award

The National Association for Court Management presented this year's <u>Top 10 Court Websites Award</u> during the organization's annual conference in Louisville, Ky., on July 16. The awards are given each year to courts that make the best use of web technology to improve court services and access to public records.

The 2015 winners and their respective web sites are:

- 1. <u>Texas Office of Court Administration (www.txcourts.gov)</u>
- 2. <u>Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (www.ninthcircuit.org)</u>
- 3. <u>Ohio Court of Claims (www.cco.state.oh.us)</u>
- 4. <u>Summit County Clerk of Courts (www.cpclerk.co.summit.oh.us)</u>
- 5. <u>U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims (www.uscourts.cavc.gov)</u>
- 6. <u>Las Vegas Township Justice Court (www.lasvegasjusticecourt.us)</u>
- 7. Indiana Supreme Court, Division of State Court Administration (www.courts.in.gov)
- 8. <u>Unified Judicial System, South Dakota (www.ujs.sd.us)</u>
- 9. <u>Gwinnett County Clerk of Courts (www.gwinnettcourts.com)</u>
- 10. City of Lenexa Municipal Court (www.lenexa.com/courts)

In addition to the Top 10 awards, contest judges also awarded an honorable mention to the <u>First</u> <u>Judicial District of Pennsylvania</u> (<u>www.courts.phila.gov</u>) for being the top scoring website for two consecutive years.

All court and court-related websites are eligible for this award. Contestants may nominate themselves or others may nominate them.

Entries are considered by a six-judge panel composed of court officers with a varying range of experience. In groups of three, the judges independently evaluate each website on a scale of 1 to 10. Criteria include such measures as access to public records, ease of navigation, use of multimedia, and interactive capabilities. Scores are then combined, and the top ten scorers become the award winners.

The National Association for Court Management, housed in Williamsburg, Va., at the National Center for State Courts, is a membership organization formed in 1985 to help court managers improve their proficiency while working with colleagues to improve the administration of justice. With more than 1,700 members in United States and several other countries, NACM is the largest organization of court management professionals in the world.