



Polk Announces Implementation of the NewVision Juvenile Delinquency Court System.

Bartow, August 4, 2008 - Richard M. Weiss, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County, proudly announces the implementation of a new software application for court records and operations in the Juvenile Department. This Delinquency module is part of Polk Integrated Court System (PICS), a new case management software system under development in the Clerk's office in partnership with New Vision Systems headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut.

PICS will consist of different modules required to support court operations. Once completed, the system will include County Civil, Circuit Civil, Dependency, Delinquency (now in production), County Criminal, Circuit Criminal, Traffic, County Probation and Pre Trial modules. They will all share a common denominator: electronic document imaging, which will lead in the future to electronic filing. Motions, filings, orders will be scanned and directed to the proper location via an electronic workflow process. These documents will also be available to judges and juvenile justice agencies such as the Department of Juvenile Justice, in "real-time", improving efficiencies and saving considerable time in the court system.

"At the Clerk's office, says Weiss, we incorporate the latest technologies in all our projects to improve customer service, enhance work efficiencies and promote collaboration amongst agencies." Proof of this approach can be seen in Civil courtrooms today, where hardcopies of documents have been replaced by electronic documents. As government agencies are required to do "more with less", Weiss' goal is to provide internal and external users the proper tools to do their jobs as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The second phase of this project has been completed. The estimated completion date of the entire project is 2009, at which time Polk County will have a world-class electronic case management system that will be second to none in the State of Florida.



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