



TRAVIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT IMPROVES EFFICIENCY IN COURTHOUSE

Travis County successfully implements tool to ease courthouse scheduling completing multi-year paperless initiative

Austin, Texas August 22, 2008 --- Judge John Dietz, 250th precinct, Travis County, Texas District is excited about recent technology advancements made at the courthouse. Previously working off paper files and complicated systems, Judge Dietz is now able to view his daily docket, along with associated documents – all with a few clicks of his mouse. Provided by Vista Solutions Group, E-Docket is a single interface for judges and clerks to view and update upcoming docket settings along with associated case information and scanned case document images. “We are now able to retrieve critical case and docket information with a few clicks of the mouse,” said Judge Dietz, “which allows me to focus my attention on presiding over the courtroom instead of on finding case documents.”

When first charged with this task, Nolan Martin, IT Manager for Travis County Courts, recognized the significance of providing a tool that allowed the judges to focus on what matters the most. “An important element in the judicial system is the personal experience a judge provides to the parties that come before them at the bench,” said Martin. “If a judge is tied up looking at a computer screen or having to make multiple keystrokes, then they are pulled away from performing that service.”

E-Docket addressed these concerns, ensuring information was organized in an effective way that allows judges to perform a minimal number of keystrokes to locate critical information. E-Docket successfully pulls information from the Tiburon FACTS case management system and combines it with the court document images residing within the Vista electronic document management and workflow system.

Ease of implementation was also a concern for Martin, who understood the value in employing a user-friendly tool for the judges. “A main focus of ours was to ensure the tool was straightforward enough that our judges would be able to use it with immediate results,” said Martin, “E-Docket was so easy and intuitive to use that very little training was needed.”

A powerful addition that E-Docket provides is increased scheduling functionality, offering the ability for the court administration to easily assign and re-assign court settings via a web-based interface. In the past, changes to case assignments were difficult to make and distribute within the courts. “With this new tool, we are able to re-assign cases on our central docket more quickly and easily,” Said Warren Vavra, Court Administrator for the Travis County Civil Courts, “This allows cases to be seen in a more efficient and organized manner.” In addition, Vavra is able to generate case results within minutes, versus having to manually enter and tally results, a process which could take several hours each month to complete.

Although only implemented within the Civil District Court at Travis County, TX, Dietz believes that the E-Docket application could easily be implemented in other courts as well. “E-Docket could very easily be used as model solution for other court across the United States,” Dietz Said. “All courts would benefit from the ability to more quickly and efficiently manage their dockets.”

The implementation of E-Docket comes at the end of a multi-year paperless initiative taken on by Travis County. “We are proud to be able to provide a solution for Travis County that supports the paperless environment and simplifies processes for the judges and clerks, all in one application,” said Jim Boyington, President, Vista Solutions Group.

About eDocket

eDocket is a robust product offered to courts for its easy to use court and judge scheduling. eDocket is able to combine data from the multiple databases into a single interface for judges and clerks. This highly user-friendly interface allows for judges and clerks to easily manage daily and upcoming events along with all the associated documents.

About Vista Solutions Group

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