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NOTICE OF COURT CLOSURES

TEN CIRCUIT COURTS CLOSED ON MAY 9 FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Circuit courts in 10 counties will be closed to the public on Friday, May 9, 2014, to allow data from the Multnomah Circuit Court to be converted and migrated into the new Oregon eCourt Case Information (OECI) system being used by those courts. In addition to the public closure, online electronic information and electronic services involving those courts will not be available during that time and on other dates.

Circuit courts in the following counties will be closed on May 9: Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Jackson, Jefferson, Linn, Polk, Tillamook, and Yamhill Counties. All operations in those courts will return to their regular hours and services on Monday, May 12, 2014. Circuit court operations in other counties and state appellate courts will not be affected.

The May 9 closure means that no public hearings or trials will be held in the 10 affected courts. Court staff will not be available to assist the public, including taking phone calls, accepting filings or taking payments. Online access to court electronic systems – including electronic filings, published court calendars and dockets, and accepting online payments of fines – will not be available in those courts. Deadlines, due dates and statutes of limitations will be extended for the May 9 closure by Chief Justice Order.

The service disruption is made necessary by the volume of cases being moved into the new case management system in advance of that system going live in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Monday, May 12. Converting and migrating the approximately 10 million cases from that court is scheduled to begin on Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. and end on Saturday, May 10, at 5:00 a.m. This means the system already installed in these 10 counties must be offline during this period, resulting in the court closure day.

More detailed information about the types of electronic information affected and the dates and times that data will not be available will be posted on the Judicial Department website at http://courts.oregon.gov/oregonecourt/Pages/index.aspx. In addition, websites for the individual courts will have additional information specific to each court location and its services. The local court websites can be accessed at http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/Pages/index.aspx.

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