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## **Maine Judicial Branch Announces Award of Court Management System Contract to Tyler Technologies**

For Immediate Release. Portland, Maine, December 20, 2016. Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley today announced the signing of a multi-year contract with Tyler Technologies to purchase and implement integrated court management and access software for the Maine District, Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts. Tyler has 4 offices in Maine with plans to double its current Maine work force of 584 employees to 1100 in the next few years.

The Chief Justice said, “This contract signing culminates an extensive competitive bid process and lengthy negotiations with Tyler Technologies. For 200 years, the Maine Judicial Branch has been a paper-based court system. All case filings, other court documents and orders have been on paper. Utilizing Tyler’s Odyssey® software, court users will be able to initiate cases and file motions remotely from anywhere in the world, 24-hours a day, every day of the week. Litigants will be able to access their case files without having to travel to a courthouse. Multiple users will be able to simultaneously view a court file. Among its many benefits, the system will include scheduling of court events, as well as the tracking of bail, warrants, and protection orders. It will greatly enhance public safety and accessibility. Ultimately we will save thousands of square feet of courthouse space currently used for paper file storage. The system will also include advanced security measures to protect the integrity of court files and personal data.”

Maine will be the 12th statewide implementation of Tyler's Odyssey® software, which has been successfully deployed in Indiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Oregon; statewide implementations in Maryland, Rhode Island, Washington and Idaho are currently under way. Odyssey® is also used by more than 600 county courts, serving more than 100 million people.

The Judicial Branch expects to implement the project in stages, by judicial region (there are 8 regions). The first region is expected to be completed in 2019, with statewide implementation in 2021.