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Jeff Shorba
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Minnesota Judicial Center
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Dear Mr. Shorba,

I am following up on a letter sent roughly six weeks ago on August 30. I have not received an answer, from what I can tell. Please let me know if I should re-send it.

I have also been asked by your e-filing vendor, Tyler Technologies, to make clear what I think is obvious. We are asking for the access because we are journalists who want to report on news when it happens and not when it is stale, and who know that traditional access to paper was at the time when new filings crossed the counter, not after docketing.

We are not an e-filing vendor, of which there are many. We are not in league with any of those many e-filing vendors. Tyler is an e-filing vendor. We are not working with Tyler and have no connection to them.

I sometimes have used the analogy of a street in explaining the obvious. I say we walk down our side of the street, the news side. And vendors such as Tyler, Journal Technologies in California, Granicus in Florida and Arizona, Tybera in Utah, Iowa and elsewhere -- they walk on their side of the street, the vendor side.

Hopefully all that is clear.

But this also gives me the chance to say that all the vendors I mention also provide their court clients with the option of providing access on receipt. Tyler is not alone in that regard. For example, we pointed out to court officials in Florida that their vendor, Granicus, provides access on receipt in Arizona. No official in Florida expressed the thought we were working with Granicus.

But, after a fair amount of litigation in federal court, officials in Florida agreed with us. And they now plan to enable access on receipt (or within five minutes thereafter) access to all new, public, civil complaints -- throughout the state of Florida -- by the end of this month.

This topic also gives me the opportunity to list all the other state courts that provide access on receipt through their various vendors: Alabama statewide through OLIS; Arizona statewide as mentioned through Granicus; California e-filing courts through Journal Technologies, Tyler, and a home-grown system called CCMS; Connecticut statewide through a home-grown system; Georgia individual e-filing courts through vendors Tyler, File&Serve, and Peach Court; Hawaii statewide through a home-grown system; Nevada's biggest court in Las Vegas through Tyler; New York statewide through a home-grown system; Utah statewide through Tybera; Vermont statewide through Tyler.

Please let me know at your convenience if you would consider implementing a similar statewide system of on-receipt access through any method and any vendor you might choose.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Girdner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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