In the Indiana Supreme Court

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IN RE THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC COURT RECORDS UNDER ODYSSEY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM Supreme Court Cause No.

94800-071**2**-MS- 567

ORDER

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The Indiana Supreme Court, under the auspices of its Judicial Technology and Automation Committee ("JTAC"), has undertaken a project to equip all Indiana courts with a 21st century case management system and connect each court's case management sys-tem with each other's and with those who need and use court information. The Court previously authorized its Division of State Court Administration to enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., under which the Division acquired from Tyler a license to Tyler's "Odyssey" court case management system, along with certain implementation, installation, testing, training, and developmental services. The Court now anticipates that several Indiana trial courts will begin using Odyssey to manage their cases in the near future.

An integral part of the Court's vision for a statewide trial court case management system is access to court records over the Internet for lawyers and others who need and use court information. The Court has received a joint recommendation in this regard from JTAC and the Case Management System Project Statewide Governing Board, has reviewed and discussed the recommendation at conference, has considered the applicability of the Court's Administrative Rule 9, and now ORDERS that:

- 1. The following non-confidential court data maintained in Odyssey shall be made available via the Internet: listings of cases filed with the court that include party names and case numbers; all parties' addresses; attorney names and addresses; chronological case summaries (including summaries of judgments, dispositions, orders, decrees, and financial information);
- 2. This information shall be made available at no cost;
- 3. The current Odyssey public access module shall be utilized for this purpose;
- 4. Public access shall be made available on the date a court "goes live" using Odyssey, or as soon thereafter as practicable;

- 5. Each such court is granted and has the necessary authority pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 77(K) to make court information available via the Internet in this manner without seeking further approval; and
- 6. The Odyssey public access module's home page shall contain a statement or a link to a statement indicating that although it is the policy of Indiana's courts to provide remote access to court records, users should also be aware that federal and state law place restrictions on the release of certain information deemed private and that the information appearing in the Odyssey case management system is an exact copy of the information entered into the system by court staff in the counties where the case files are located.

Commercial vendors seeking access to the data in the Odyssey case management system should direct requests the Division of State Court Administration pursuant to the requirements of the Court's Administrative Rule 9(F).

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, this <u>544</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2007.

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Randall T. Shepard Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.