



Association of District Court Judges 2025 Summer Conference

NCAOC Update

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Year in Review: 2024

- Hurricane Helene
- Fifty-seven counties transitioned to eCourts
- Over two million new cases filed
- Nearly one billion dollars disbursed
- Millions of residents served



State of the Dockets

One Year Comparison:

- Total Pending Felony Cases **increased** by **2.2%**
- Total Pending District Court Criminal Cases only **increased** by **8.2%**
- Total Pending Driving While Impaired Cases **decreased** by **3.7%**
- Total Pending Superior Court Civil Cases **increased** by **6.9%**
- Total Pending District Court Civil Cases **increased** by **45.3%**
- Total Pending Small Claims Cases **increased** by **37.9%**



State of the Dockets

Median Case Age (Days):

- Felony Cases: **393**
- District Court Criminal Non-MV Cases: **193**
- District Court Criminal MV Cases: **113**
- DWI Cases: **244**
- Superior Court Civil Cases: **246**
- District Court Civil Cases: **250**



Legislative Update



2024 Legislative Session Recap

- 20% salary increase for district court judges over the biennium (pay parity!)
- Modification of magistrate appointment eligibility to recruit LEOs
- Elimination of prohibition on filing briefs without court order (NCRCP 5(d))
- Permits clerks to set conditions of pre-trial release in certain instances (Pre-Trial Integrity Act fix)



2025 Legislative Session

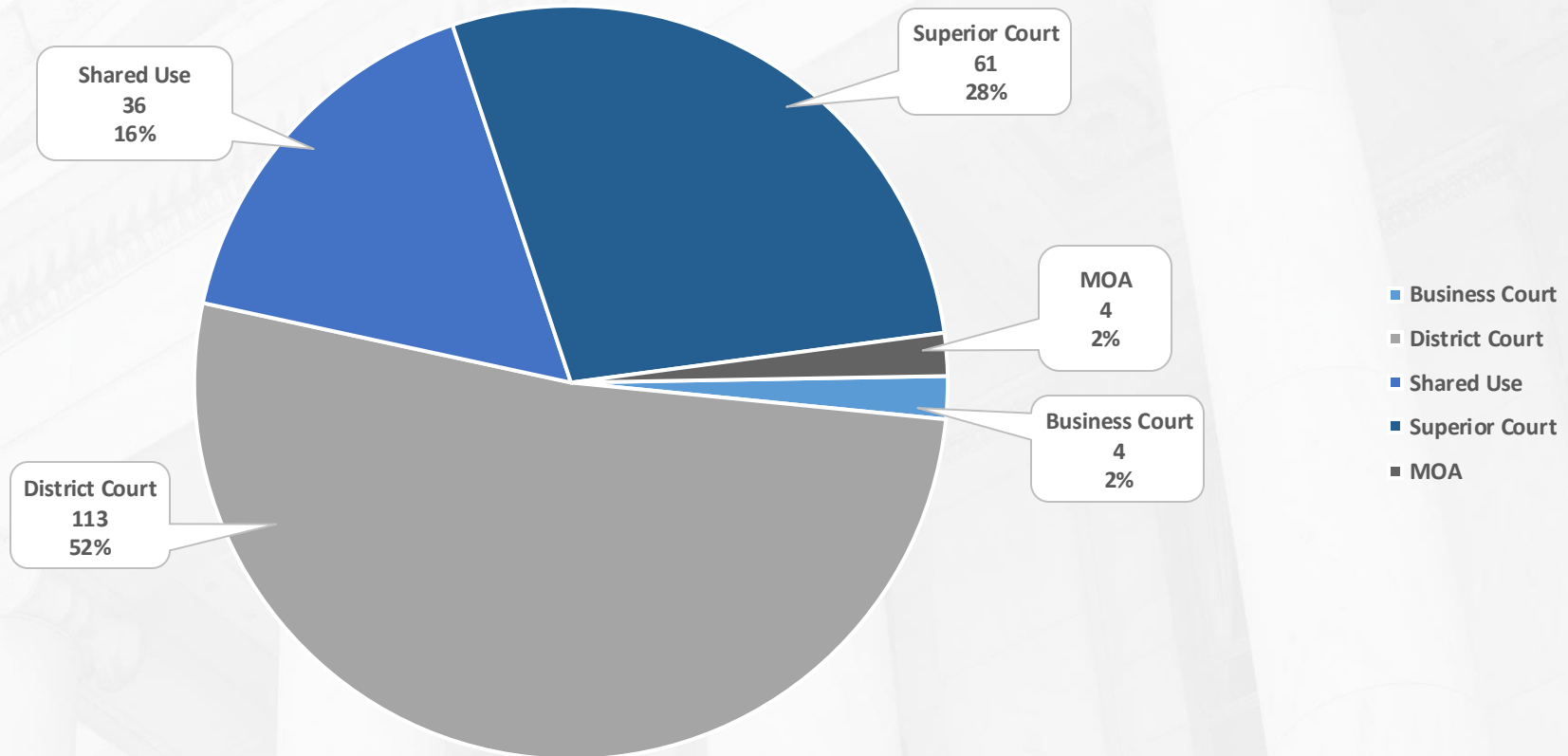
- **2025 Legislative Requests**
 - Continued funding for BAPM implementation team
 - Magistrate pay increases
 - Funding for GAL contract attorneys
 - Funding to increase contract interpreter hourly rates
 - Fund Branch workload needs



CRAVE Update



Systems Deployed By Courtroom Type





CJ's Remote Proceedings Task Force

- Created in 2021 and co-chaired by Judge Marty McGee (Cabarrus) and NCSA VP Eddie Caldwell
- Deliverables
 - Remote Hearing Model Administrative Order
 - Motion/Objection and other model forms
 - Webex Scheduler to coordinate DAC inmate appearance times
 - Coordination with sheriffs' offices to provide connectivity within jails
 - Developed procedures with State Crime Lab for remote analyst testimony



Other Updates

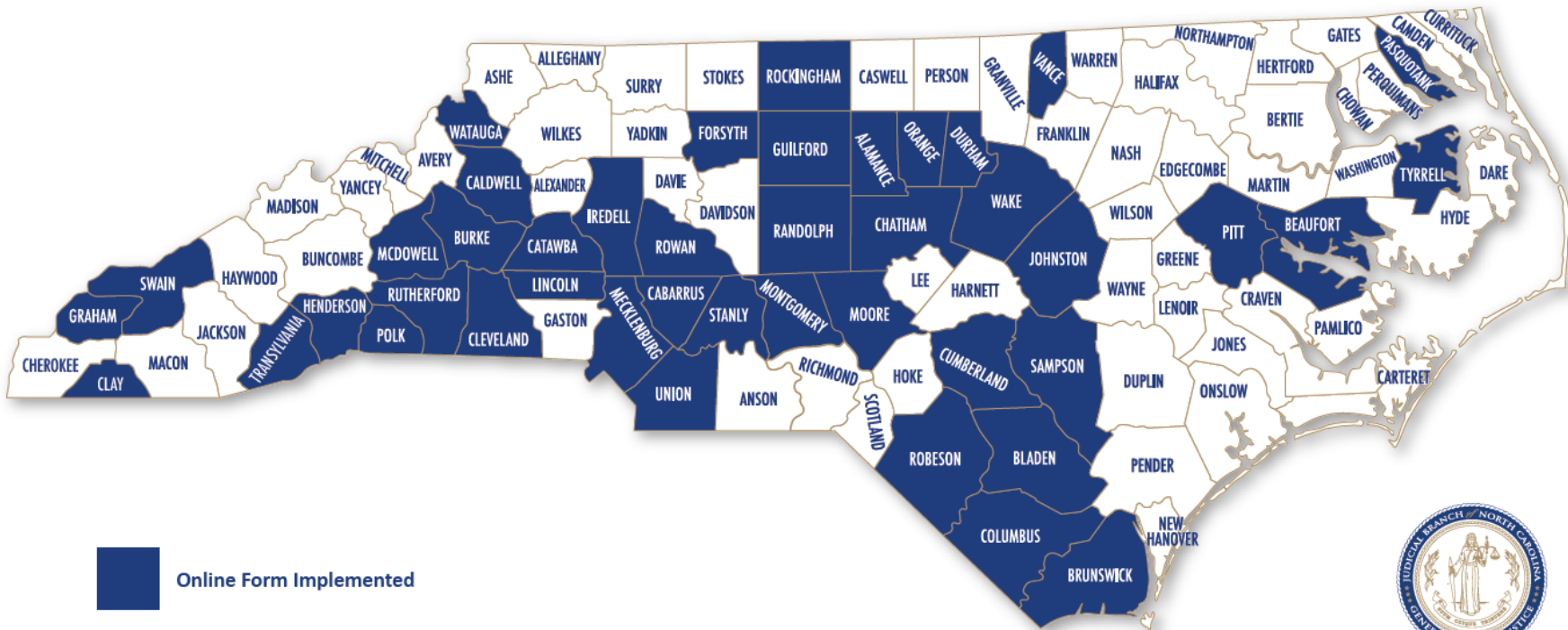


Language Access Update

- Interpreter Resources
 - Nine staff interpreters throughout the state
 - New VRI position; (OLAS.Remote@nccourts.org)
 - Pool of ~75 contract interpreters
- VRI launched in Fall 2024
- Web-based, dynamic scheduling system (Summer 2025)
- Recruitment efforts



ONLINE JUROR EXCUSAL SYSTEM USAGE MAP





Online Travel Reimbursement Form



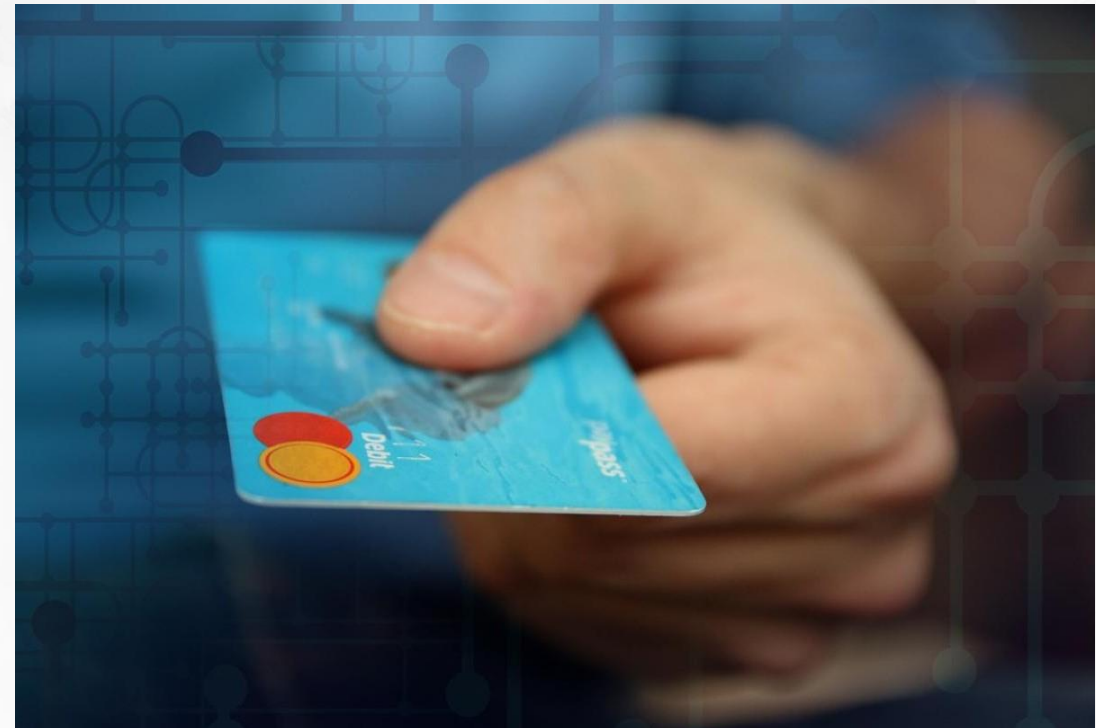
INTRODUCING THE NEW ONLINE Travel Reimbursement Form

- Easy to use from mobile or desktop browser
- Attach receipts from photos or scanned PDF copies
- Receive automatic email confirmation and copy of submission
- Supervisor / reviewer can receive a copy and review details
- Reimbursement payments will be processed faster



Juror Payment Cards

- Replace mailed paper checks
- Jurors receive payment immediately
- Funds can be transferred to bank account





Other Items of Note

- Federal grants
- Courthouse Safety/Security



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