

Comments from Gavin Baker, American Library Association

With regard to the March 23, 2018, draft recommendation on Electronic Case Management, I would recommend:

On line 86, strike the period and insert "or enhancing public reporting."

Many adjudicative agencies publicly release data about adjudicative cases (e.g. the number of cases filed, the disposition of cases, the length of time to close a case, etc.). Electronic case management should offer opportunities to facilitate and improve the reporting of this data.

On lines 117-8, strike the phrase "limiting public access to case information only to the parties to a case" and insert "limiting public access to confidential case information only to the parties to a case". Much information about federal adjudication is not confidential and the recommendation should not incorrectly imply that all case information should be restricted from public access. I would also recommend adding a footnote to the phrase stating, "Consistent with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and other transparency requirements."

Thank you for your consideration.

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