



# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LAUNCHES NEW MODERN CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Monterey County Superior Court is pleased to announce the launch of a new case management system, called Odyssey. This modern case management system will be implemented in civil, probate, family law, child support, small claims, mental health, and juvenile case types commencing Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The deployment follows a configuration and testing period which began in early 2014. The Odyssey implementation for criminal and traffic case types is slated for the latter part of 2016.

Odyssey moves the Court closer to a paperless system, which will provide increased efficiencies and enhanced public access to court programs and services. The Odyssey launch will be followed by a move to an electronic filing (e-filing) system scheduled for early 2016. In the interim, paper filings will be scanned in by Court personnel who will upload an electronic copy of the filing into the Odyssey system, making non-confidential filings immediately available for public viewing through a public kiosk at the courthouse. Filings will also be immediately available internally to judicial officers, the clerk's Office, courtroom clerks and other personnel accelerating internal processes. Once e-filing is in place, filings will be submitted electronically further expediting the filing process for all involved; parties, attorneys, the public and the Court. When the necessary systems are in place, the Court also plans to make certain case data and documents, as permitted by California Rules of Court, available for remote access through its public website.

The Odyssey system replaces the Sustain case management system originally installed in Monterey County Superior Court in 2001.

The Court purchased the Odyssey product for approximately \$1.3M. Overall, the Court saved approximately \$500K on the original \$1.8M price tag for the Odyssey product by engaging in a unique collaborative with the Napa and Santa Clara Superior Courts permitting a concerted review of court processes aimed at leveraging best practices and sharing a single system configuration. The collaboration resulted in significant cost savings for each of the courts.

Judge Anderson said, "The Odyssey case management system is being implemented in over twenty-five courts throughout California, and we are certain Monterey County Superior Court and the public we serve will reap significant benefit from this worthy investment in a modern case

management system. I'm equally certain that we'll have some bumps in the road as we all adjust to a new normal, but I'm eager to see the improved future ahead of us as we embark on additional modernization efforts court-wide."

Paras Gupta, Chief Information Officer and Odyssey Project Director added, "The Odyssey system provides the Court with the platform to enhance access to justice by enabling electronic court processes and public access to online court services and documents. Implementation of a new case management system is the foundation for realizing our vision to leverage technological advances to automate court processes and become a full service electronic court (e-Court)."

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