

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSION



E-Warrants: Electronic Warrants Processing in Cook County

Of the tens of thousands of arrest warrants issued annually by Cook County judges, up to 75 percent of them are issued from the bench in consequence of a defendant's failure to appear for a court proceeding. These bench warrants became a focal point of a joint project, funded by NCHIP, by the Circuit Clerk's Office, Chief Judge's Office, Chicago Police Department and a number of municipal law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with *DigitalBridge*, a Utah-based technology consulting firm.

Using *DigitalBridge* Digital Packet Technology, the Electronic Warrants Project (eWarrants) focused on bench warrants issued in District 1 (Chicago), District 5 (Bridgeview), and District 6 (Markham). A pilot of the application was conducted at Branch 29 (Chicago) in December 2007 and rolled out to the remaining locations as a live application a year later. The system was chosen because of its digital ecosystem, which enables protected information-sharing and transaction management that cross organizational boundaries.

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David M. Clark, senior vice president, was one of several founders of *DigitalBridge* in 2004. For 10 years, he was the senior partner of *Clark and Partners Consulting LLC*. Mr. Clark assisted in development of the 2002 IIJIS Strategic Plan for Information Sharing in Illinois. He has worked with justice system stakeholders for nearly two decades advising them in information integration, process workflow, disaster recovery, and strategic planning.

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Bridget Dancy, a seasoned professional in information technology and business management, has dedicated nearly 20 years of her career as public servant. Ms. Dancy is the chief information officer for the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Her current charge is to bring 21st Century technology to the office, and under her tenure, she has instilled a participatory and structured approach to implementing new technologies in the areas of application development, system analysis, infrastructure management, electronic data dissemination, hardware & software deployment, and project management.

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Karen M. Landon is a 33-year information technologist currently employed as a Project Manager of Criminal Systems at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Ms. Landon represents the Clerk's Office as a member of the Illinois Integrated Justice Information System (IIJIS) Outreach Committee and the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CCICJIS) Technology Committee. Ms. Landon has contributed to the 2002 IIJIS Strategic Plan, the 2003 CCICJIS Strategic Plan, and the 2006 CCICJIS Detailed Plan of Action.

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