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The Role of Clerk

- Two myths
 - Clerks just write down what the judge says
 - Clerks are only responsible for keeping the paperwork straight
- Two truths
 - Most Clerks feel responsibility for effective operation of the criminal justice system
 - Clerks see themselves as part of a larger courthouse family

More with Less The Court's Budget

- Since beginning of recession, 600 positions cut statewide
- 92% of court's budget goes to personnel
- Court's budget makes up 2.23% of total state budget

Working smarter

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- Magistrate Video Project
 - 15A-304(d)(3) Provides for officer to give sworn testimony by "means of an audio and video transmission" in obtaining an arrest warrant
 - Remote testimony also authorized for search warrants (N.C.G.S. 15A-245) and Initial Appearance (N.C.G.S. 15A-511)
 - Allows for LEOs to provide probable cause remotely without traveling to magistrates' office
 - Currently piloted in three counties- Currituck, Macon and Jackson.

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- Justice Reinvestment Act
 - Major changes to Probation
 - Limits Judges' ability to revoke
 - Only for new offenses or statutory absconding
 - May revoke if Defendant has served two CRVs
 - Introduces concept of "quick dips"
 - 2-3 days in jail (max of 6 days per month; 18 days per case)
 - Introduces "confinement in response to violation"
 - 90 days for felonies
 - Up to 90 days for misdemeanors

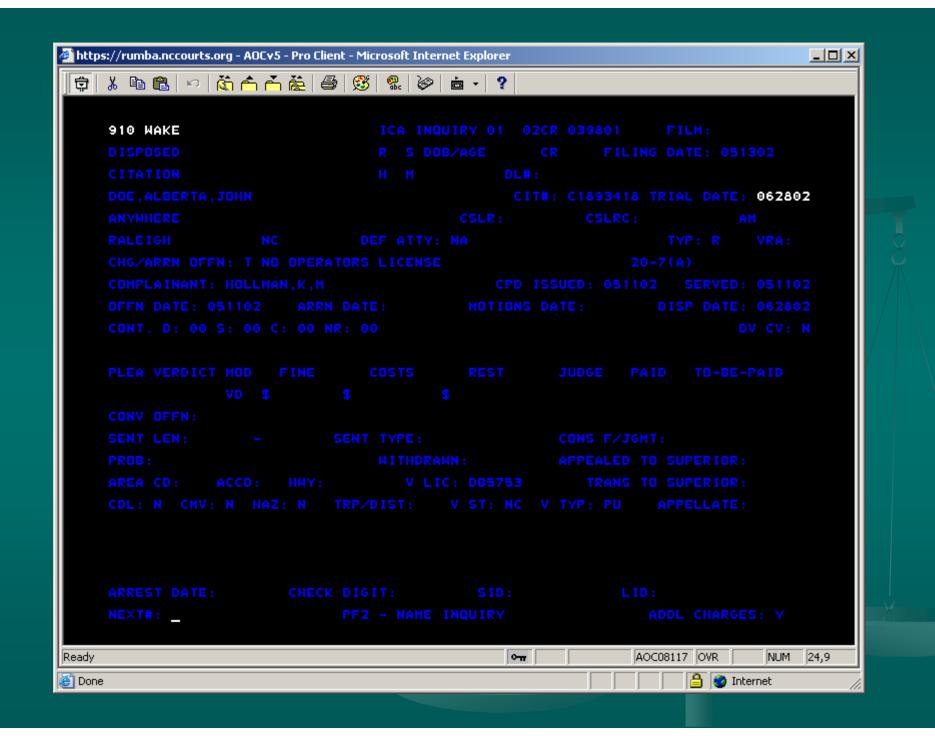
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- Further increases need for courts to know what time has been served and what tools probation has used
 - Access to reliable probation and jail information

Working Smarter Using Technology- Wish list

- Clerks' priority- replace criminal database
- Continue to rely on our original criminal case indexing database, ACIS, for most functions. Introduced in 1983.
- Ongoing effort by AOC to replace ACIS with CCIS.



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- E-citation
 - Expanding to paperless file
- NCAWARE
 - Implemented in all but two counties
 - Further expansion to include civil orders for arrest
- CJLEADS
 - Piloted in Wake County
 - Comprehensive Data
 - Improve collection of jail data
 - Obtain Access to Juvenile information
 - Obtain Access to DCI for certified users
 - Continue to expand ability to generate reports
 - Incarceration report
 - DWI report