

**ITEM 1.0.0 | PURPOSE**

The Florida Courts Technology Standards (“Standards”)<sup>1</sup> provide a comprehensive expression of technical and functional standards applicable to Florida’s court system. The Standards augment the responsibilities and authority of the Florida Courts Technology Commission (“FCTC”) a permanent judicial branch commission charged with overseeing, managing, and directing the development and use of technology within the judicial branch under the direction of the Florida Supreme Court, as specified in Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.236.<sup>2</sup>

In creating the FCTC, the Court noted the progress of Florida’s court system as moving beyond reliance on paper records to primary reliance on digital information and the use of technology in our courts. Consistent with the judicial branch’s long-range strategic plan recognizing the value of information technology to improve court access and operations,<sup>3</sup> these Standards are designed as a dynamic compendium to the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, but able to be revised and adapted to current technology requirements in the court with greater alacrity through recommendations by the FCTC to the Court.

The FCTC is comprised of members appointed by the Court, and its various workgroups and subcommittees, the specific nature and composition of which are identified on the FCTC’s website, which also includes meeting schedules and agendas.

**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as: Florida Courts E-Filing Portal Standards; Functional Requirements for Court Application Processing System; Integration and Interoperability Document; Data Exchange Standards; and System Modification.

<sup>2</sup> *In re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration – Rule 2.236*, 41 So. 3d 128 (Fla. 2010).

<sup>3</sup> *See Justice; Fair and Accessible to All*, The Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch (2016-2021).

