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To: The Superior Court and District Court Judges in Judicial Districts 7A, 7B and 20

IDS has developed a simple website for Private Assigned Counsel (PAC) who do non-capital, adult criminal, indigent defense work at the trial level, in eCourts counties, to electronically invoice IDS. This new system will allow IDS to pay PAC much more quickly than has been possible in the past with the paper- and mail- system. It also provides us with enhanced audit capabilities. We believe that quicker payment will help slow the attrition of PAC from the rosters.

We call it OASIS (the Online Attorney State Invoice System), and it works in tandem with Odyssey/eCourts.

OASIS is up and running for PAC in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 14th, 15A, 15B, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th, 37th, 40th, 42nd, and 43rd Judicial Districts (**49 counties**). IDS is undertaking a phased rollout in the existing eCourts counties and will eventually expand the use of OASIS statewide, when eCourts is live in 100 counties.

Attorneys in Bertie, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton and Robeson counties will be introduced to OASIS on July 23, 2025. The go-live date for these districts is August 6, 2025.

Judges will continue to review and sign fee apps in Odyssey and to enter civil judgments for recoupment in appropriate cases. IDS staff will audit the fee apps served on us against the court filings.

In about .25% of fee apps processed, a judge reduces a fee application outside the courtroom and after it is submitted for signature. In those very rare cases, we request that the judge contemporaneously email our chief fiscal officer, Aaron Gallagher, at aaron.m.gallagher@nccourts.org in order to ensure that the attorney is compensated at the approved amount.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the IDS staff who designed and built this system. I would also like to thank AOC Director Ryan Boyce and the AOC auditors and tech staffers who collaborated with IDS to make OASIS a reality.

For more information, refer to the [OASIS webpage](#) and the [FAQ document](#). Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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*Safeguarding individual liberty and the Constitution by equipping the North Carolina public defense community
with the resources it needs to achieve fair and just outcomes for clients.*