



16th Judicial Circuit of Jackson County, Missouri

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Court Wins Award for its Website

What provides access to public records, access to court services and is recognized as award winning by a national organization?

The website of the Circuit Court of Jackson County.

The Court learned today that its website, which was updated in October last year, is one of the best websites in the country for courts. The Forum on the Advancement of Court Technology (FACT) announced that the Court has one of the top ten websites in the country in 2013.

“We are thrilled with this recognition,” said Judge Peggy Stevens McGraw who was a part of the Court’s website team. “Our former website had outgrown its usefulness, and we had many meetings about how to organize all the information that our Court needs to impart to our various users including the public and the attorneys.”

The Court’s website team wanted a site that would make it easier for the public to access information. It was striving for a website that was user friendly, intuitive, and had the ability to be used across multiple platforms including computers, smart phones and tablets. The design also incorporated the architectural feel of the Art Deco downtown courthouse.

“The website was designed to be expanded in the future as the Court’s needs grow to allow more public access,” said Josh Bateman, Legal Counsel, and website team leader.

The website has links and information about electronic filing, helpful links to other court systems, access to case.net - the state’s automated case management system, information about filing petitions without an attorney and other user friendly information.

FACT is a subcommittee of the National Association for Court Managers (NACM) which is located in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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