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RALEIGH — This week the North Carolina Technology Association named Chief Justice Paul Newby (pictured left) its Public Leader of the Year and Anthony Whitmore of the Administrative Office of the Courts its Public Sector Chief Information Officer of the Year.



Both [awards](#) recognize Judicial Branch innovations implementing the eCourts conversion for all 100 counties, a multi-year project to expand access to justice online for North Carolinians.

The state is now a national leader among unified court systems providing digital access to search records, file documents, and make payments across all case types in the cloud.

"Guided by Chief Justice Newby's leadership and Mr. Whitmore's expertise, North Carolina courts accelerated into the modern era during a pivotal time for tech innovation in the public sector to ensure our court system is future ready, transparent, and available through convenient online services," said Director Ryan S. Boyce of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. The 7,600 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2023–24](#) was \$750.7M, 90.9% of which is used to pay salaries and 9.1% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives 2.53% of the overall State budget.

About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is the administrative agency for the [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#), providing administrative services to help the North Carolina court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

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