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“The greatest failure of all is failure to act when action is needed. Use the information you’ve acquired in the past through the experiences you’ve had and act with self-control—but act.”

John Wooden

I urge the Judicial Council to adopt **ALL** of the SEC Report recommendations.

Consider the following questions.

- Is the AOC accountable to the voters of this state?
- Is the AOC accountable to the local communities where trial judges serve?
- Is the AOC accountable to the Judicial Council?

After reading the Legislative Analyst Office report on CCMS and the Strategic Evaluation Committee’s report, I believe the answer to these questions is a resounding **NO**. Clearly, the Judicial Council has abandoned its oversight role in monitoring the AOC and I was deeply disappointed to hear that at last month’s meeting that the Judicial Council failed to adopt, at the very least, the SEC Recommendation Numbers 4-1 to 4-4 (Judicial Council Oversight). To me this shows that the Judicial Council has forsaken its duty to oversee the AOC.

The SEC report recommendations are consistent with its findings and I strongly urge implementation as soon as possible. Failure to act now would be the greatest failure of our branch.

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