eSwear is a virtual swearing process that allows the officer to swear to the authenticity of the ticket and the clerk to confirm via a touch-screen kiosk equipped with biometric-based authentication. We believe Alabama is the first state to implement such a system. The addition of eSwear to the citation management system truly gives Alabama a virtual system from roadside through adjudication. The only paper now in the system is the legal requirement to give the defendant a paper ticket. Alabama has 67 counties and all counties were deployed with eSwear by the end of 2007. Alabama is leading the nation with this innovative technology! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from officers and clerks!

Advantages of eSwear:

- Biometrics guarantees authenticity of officer and clerk.
- No more handwritten signatures, the clerk and the officer’s signatures will be electronic (/s/Jane Doe).
- Clerks can determine which tickets to print (only mandatory court appearances, etc.)
- UTC transmittal reports will be auto-generated after swearing process is completed. Neither officers nor clerks will have to fill them out.
- All eSworn tickets will be eFiled.
- Case number will be automatically assigned and placed on the ticket.
- The process saves both the clerk and the officer a significant amount of time.

The electronic citation process now includes:

- eIssuance – via laptops in the officer’s cars
- eTransmittal – via cellular air cards or hot spots
- eSwearing – via computer kiosk at the clerk’s office
- eFiling – via integrated network - no mailing in hard copies
- ePayments – via credit card over the internet
- eSearching/Statistics – via secure password protected web portal

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