

Response to Audit by Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts

An Update From the Administrative Office of the Courts - February 4, 2019



May 2017

AOC begins to tighten internal controls.

June 2017

AOC invites Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct first external audit of Judicial Branch.

July 2017-July 2018

AOC develops inventory control processes; implements waste, fraud and abuse reporting mechanisms; revises procedures to reimburse county governments for operation and maintenance of court facilities; consults with tax attorney on revisions to travel reimbursement policies; and restructures Department of Administrative Services. Supreme Court adopts Open Records Policy; Waste, Fraud and Abuse Policy; and order guiding handling of surplus property.

July 2018

Auditor of Public Accounts announces results of audit. AOC releases its comprehensive response to audit results.

July-October 2018

AOC develops procedures to create and revise procedures, standards, policies and guidelines; approves new sanitization and electronic data disposal procedures; implements KYCourts3 in six counties; and obtains quotes for consulting services to assist with audit implementation.

September 2018

Supreme Court adopts revised Kentucky Court of Justice Travel Regulations.

October 2018

AOC engages Deloitte to provide high-level recommendations for Phase I, which focused on Internal Auditing and four key processes: Budget, Travel Reimbursement, County Facility Reimbursement and Property Accountability.

Oct. 2018-Jan. 2019

Deloitte assists AOC with Phase I of audit implementation.

February 2019

AOC extends Deloitte's engagement to provide recommendations for Procurement and Leasing.

Next Steps

AOC will strengthen financial and administrative functions by automating processes, reinforcing the organizational structure, updating procedures and establishing an Internal Auditing Department.

Future Steps

AOC will issue Requests for Proposals for external audits on a biennial basis.