

Judiciary Policy on Computer Software Copyright

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Scope

I have approved the following policy governing the use of copyrighted microcomputer software in the State of New Jersey Judiciary. This policy applies to all Judges and judiciary employees performing Judicial Branch functions, including temporary employees. Examples offered are not intended to be exhaustive but merely illustrative of conditions and conduct that would conform to or violate policy. When in doubt, an employee or Judge should direct all questions to the Administrative Office of the Courts= Information Technology Office.

Policy

It is the policy of the Judiciary to comply with the requirements of computer software license agreements. Any proprietary software in use on individual judiciary personal computers and judiciary Local Area Networks (LANs) shall have a legal software license. Most software is licensed for use on one PC only, and by one user at a time (except LAN versions). Computer software can be transferred to another party only if all copies of both the printed and machine readable (software) materials are transferred. Some special purpose and public domain software are not subject to license agreements. Users are responsible for reading and complying with each software license agreement.

The Judiciary prohibits any conduct by judges or employees that constitutes noncompliance with this policy.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The directive has been changed to reflect the change in the name of the Information Systems Division to the Information Technology Office.