

21st Century Technology

Currently, the Baltimore City Circuit Court is one of the only remaining courthouses still operating off of a 20th century technology system. Judges are still issuing prison sentences, warrant requests and court orders via carbon copied paperwork, issued IBM laptops to work off of that look to have been outdated fifteen years ago. The Clerk's Office has not embraced new technology, essentially still living in the stone ages when it comes to enabling attorney's and those doing business with the courts, who are seeking to file legal or service fees, to have the ability to submit such payment via credit or debit card or even online.

The system that still operates as the juror selection process is clearly outdated, often times having these old computers and operating system crash and shut down, leaving hard working citizens spending their day trying to fulfill their democratic duty as a juror, hanging around for hours just waiting for the systems to come back up. This level of incompetence and outdated technology is unacceptable, especially when almost every other surrounding jurisdiction has upgraded their systems thanks to a forward thinking and progressive state department that allocated millions of dollars to allow for each county/city Clerk to upgrade their computer systems. Baltimore City was the only jurisdiction not to take full advantage of this opportunity.

As the next Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, I will reverse that trend on Day One, working with the state to ensure that the city's circuit courthouses are upgraded with the latest technology available, while enabling the citizens to better access our services online. Whether it be checking in to see if they are going to be called for jury duty the next day, looking to file paperwork for child custody or other civil action, paying court costs or for other city services; we will be outfitted with 21st century technology within the first year of my tenure.