



CourtStack Receives “Best In California” Award for IT Collaboration From Government Technology Magazine

CourtStack is a new digital platform and ecosystem for California Trial Courts designed with the ethos of “Write Once, Run Anywhere”

Across California’s Trial Courts, there are numerous and diverse case management systems (CMS) that provide the foundation for Superior Courts to operate and manage the administration of justice. Due to the individual Trial Courts' unique but common needs, third-party and/or custom software solutions are often required to supplement the existing systems. These add-on solutions, such as e-filing, mobile access, or data analytic platforms, are built exclusively for a specific county’s proprietary CMS making it both expensive and difficult, if not impossible, to share “best of breed” software and custom solutions throughout the branch.

[CourtStack](#) is a new digital platform and ecosystem designed to create a common standard for applications and solutions to integrate with and connect to existing proprietary court CMS’s without having to rewrite the applications for each unique CMS. Through CourtStack, innovative solutions are easily shared statewide regardless of the CMS a court may be using. CourtStack establishes an easy-to-use, cohesive, and integrated suite of products, including the [Ability-To-Pay tool](#) connector, built on a reliable and secure standard application programming interface across all CMS’s.

During a virtual summit in September, [Government Technology Magazine](#) recognized and awarded CourtStack with its 2020 Best In California Award for IT Collaboration.

“CourtStack is inherently collaborative in nature. To be awarded Best IT Collaboration by Government Technology Magazine is a particular honor in its recognition and confirmation of our team’s mission, to provide a common framework upon which our State’s 58 Trial Courts may share and benefit from new and innovative applications,” said CourtStack’s founder and chair, Chief Information Officer Michael Balie.

CourtStack is governed by its founding and co-founding Trial Courts: Santa Clara (Chair), Los Angeles, Orange, and Monterey, in collaboration with the Judicial Council of California Information Technology Division. The CourtStack architecture team is led by Santa Clara’s Software Architect, Chris Choi. The founding and co-founding Trial Courts appreciate all the Senior Developers, Software Architects, and Chief Information Officers who have contributed greatly to this effort.