

# JIMAS COLLECTIONS TOOLS

Monitor and enforce court payments

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Integrated judicial software solutions  
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## What can it do for the court?


**With minimal staff effort**, set up and track payment plans for new and delinquent cases.

**Reduce judge and staff time spent in hearings.** A simple notice often prompts immediate payment, especially on traffic and DUI cases.

**Get action on problem cases without using staff time** by referring cases to a collection agency (optional). Recent statutes allow this at no cost to the court (see below for details).

**Bring in money your county needs** from both your delinquent backlog and new cases. Could cover all your  costs and more.

## How it works

1. **Set up payment plans** to quickly identify cases behind on their payments.
2. Or **put an entire balance in one installment** to offer a "last chance" due process notice.
3. **Generate bulk delinquency notices** from templates you customize in JIMAS COURTS DOCUMENT GENERATOR\* (NOTICE GENERATION) to clearly **inform defendants what is expected** of them. Include their entire **payment plan** and the **consequences of non-payment** based on a sequence of enforcement actions you customize for your county:
  - Pay or appear
  - Warrant
  - Collection agency
  - Wage deduction
4. (Optionally) tag the case so that your collection agency gets it AND remains aware of changes to it.\*\*
5. Track payments made by walk-in or  E-PAY\*.
  - Those who fail to pay or appear are automatically identified for your next enforcement action.
  - For those who appear in court and successfully petition for changes to their payment plan, simply modify it in JIMS.
6. Use the included **reports** to help monitor your collections efforts.

## No-cost collection agency services can boost your success rate

A relatively recent change to Illinois statute, 730 ILCS 5/5-9-3 (e), allows collection agency fees to be added to the debts collected rather than being paid from the amounts due to the court.

**IMPORTANT- not all collection agencies are the same!** Talk with your State's Attorney. While collections is their responsibility, the choice of which collection agency they work with requires your approval under 730 ILCS 5/5-9-3 (e). Choosing an agency which integrates\*\* with JIMS will:

- Minimize the efforts required of you and your staff
- Ensure automatic updates when the case changes (e.g. when judge reduces the amount owed).

For updates on collection agency integration with JIMS, and questions to ask when talking with a collection agency, see <http://www.goodinassociates.com/collections.jsp>.

Collection agencies often contact Goodin Associates. Since we certainly can't give them any information, we'd be happy to show you how to determine delinquent amounts owed your court so they can help you project how much they might recover for your county.

For more information or to request a quote, please call Goodin Associates, Ltd. Ask for Kurt Facco.

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...in combination with PC JIMS COURTS DOCUMENT GENERATOR\* (NOTICE GENERATION)

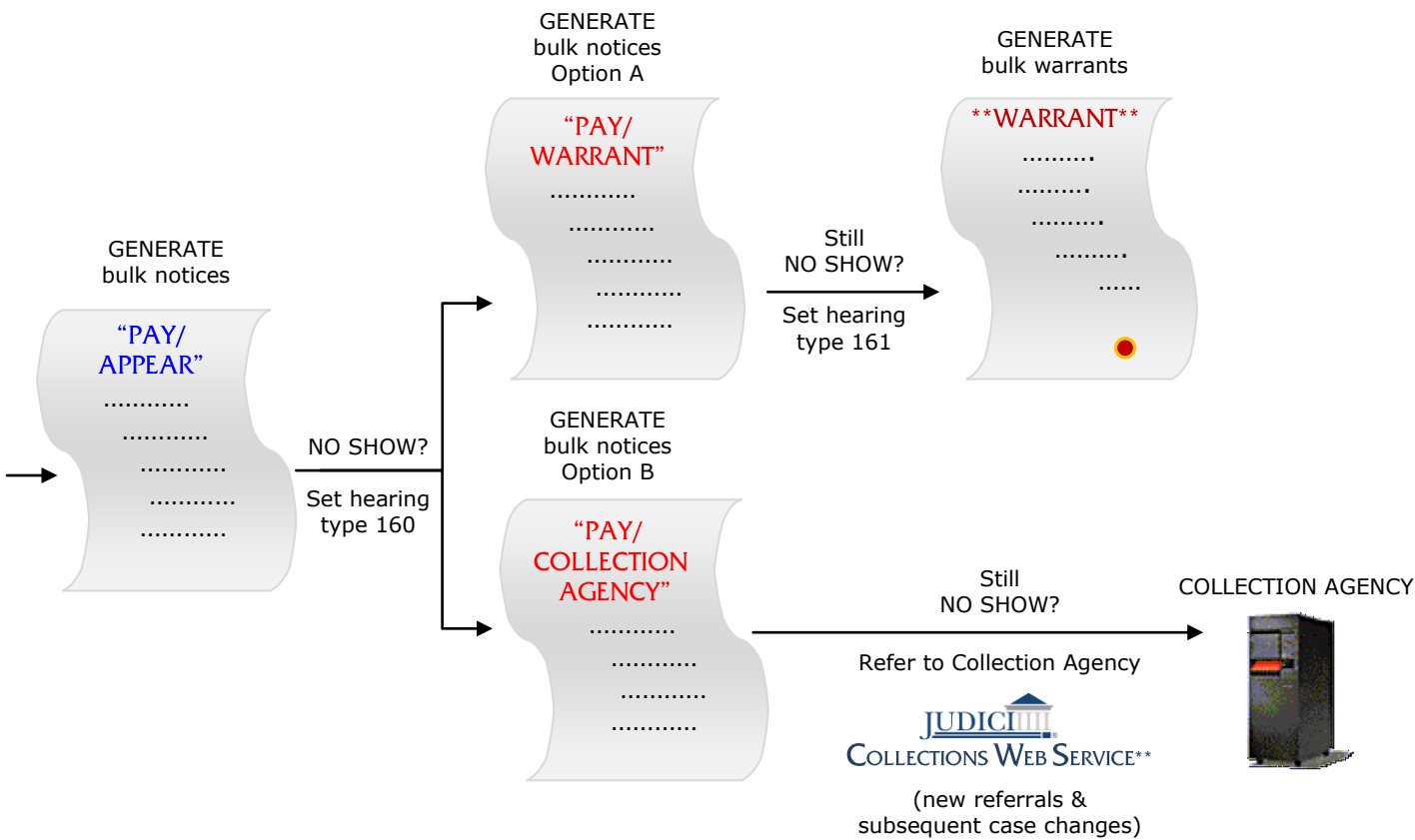


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**BACKLOG**  
Start internal collections

- Saves work by filtering through all delinquent accounts and pulling only those eligible for collections, leaving off cases with pending bond, cases receiving regular payments, impounded cases, cases on appeal, etc...
- Sets hearing type 159 to allow generation of bulk notices
- Establish and monitor payment plans

**NEW JUDGMENTS**  
Establish and monitor payment plans



The court can customize the process to match its preferred approach.

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NOTE: If you plan to refer cases to a collection agency and you plan to take payments on collection cases at the court, you must use PC JIMS. Why? To ensure that the agency gets its share of each payment made at the court, Clerk staff must always distribute the appropriate portion of each payment to the SA Collection fee. And only PC JIMS has the sophisticated "auto-distribute" feature which ensures that this happens.