

Electronic Information Sharing



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Presenters Biographies

Paul Embley works for G&H International Services, Inc. directing the Practitioner Resource Group. The mission of G&H International Services is to ensure that state and local participants collaborate on national issues and efforts affecting criminal justice and public safety information technologies. He currently chairs the Justice XML Schema Task Force, participates on the GLOBAL Infrastructure Standards Workgroup and the GJXDM Training and Technical Assistance Committee. Paul is also involved in many other Federal and national initiatives.

Most recently Paul managed the Unified Criminal Justice Information System project which is the interoperability project for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The focus of this system is to link criminal justice agencies to each other through the development and promotion of standards, the ability to share information, and the stimulation of policy direction.

Prior to his role with the Commonwealth, Paul completed an international assignment for a high-tech firm where he managed large-scale information technology projects and resources in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. His experience spans the breadth of corporate information technology initiatives from project inception to implementation and support. He has worked in high tech for more than 20 years, in both the private and public sectors.

Maira Rowley is vice president of justice services within the ACS Government Solutions, a wholly owned subsidiary of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. Maira, who has been with the ACS Government team since 1997, provides guidance and direction for the development of ACS courts and justice solutions. Maira focuses on integrated justice, operations and management, technology solutions, performance measurements and justice revenue services..

Maira managed the combined general and limited jurisdiction courts in Jackson County, Mo., from 1985 to 1995. She was recognized as an innovative leader, helping leverage special programs and emerging technologies to make the courts more accessible and responsive and to enhance the courts' services to their constituents. Justice information sharing and inter-agency coordination played a key role in improving the effectiveness of the courts.

Maira joined the private sector in 1997 as the vice president of solutions development for Progressive Solutions, Inc. (a company which has since been acquired by Tiburon). She established and oversaw Progressive's first comprehensive product management practice and directly managed their largest statewide court automation contracts. Maira joined SCT Government Systems in 1997, where she has helped SCT capture and maintain their position as the leading provider of court case and financial management solutions in the United States. She continues to serve as a subject matter expert within this group, which became part of ACS Government Solutions in 2001.

Maira was elected to the IJIS Institute Board of Directors in 2001 and re-elected to a second three-year term on the Board in 2004. She was co-chair of the IWG Pre-RFP Toolkit Committee (now an IJIS Institute Committee) until March of 2004. Maira continues as a contributing member of that committee and has assumed the co-chair of the IJIS Institute Outreach and Membership Committee. She has made numerous presentations on behalf of the IJIS Institute at conferences and educational programs.

Maira is a Steering Committee member of FACT (The Forum on Advancement of Court Technology) and a frequent faculty member for court community education programs presented by the Institute for Court Management and the National Center for State Courts. She is also a contributor to several national standards efforts, and has chaired subcommittees within the OASIS Legal XML Court Filing group, one of three justice groups that joined forces in a cooperative initiative to reconcile their structures of electronic information exchange. That reconciliation effort provided the genesis for the current GJXDM work of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative.

Members of Maira's Government Solutions group, people who came to the private sector from careers in probation and parole, have also participated in the public/private initiative to define functional standards for APPA.