



Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Jim Cissell has the nation's top court-related Web site.

Cissell court cyberspace king

The Hamilton County Clerk of Courts is the best cyberspace keeper of court records in the United States.

That office's Web site — www.court-clerk.org — has been selected the best court-related site in the country by Justice Served, a court-related training and management services company.

Jim Cissell, whose job is to maintain millions of court documents, topped the North Dakota Supreme Court, the Los Angeles Municipal Court and San Diego Superior Court to earn the top honor.

"Users can search current and historical cases in a number of different ways. ... We were impressed," Justice Served CEO **Christopher Crawford**

wrote in announcing the award.

The site was lauded for allowing use of credit cards to pay fines and tickets and to track court cases for civil, criminal, probate and other courts.

The rankings can be found at www.justiceserved.com.

Cissell's site earlier this year also won the Computerworld Smithsonian Award after clerk's office workers scanned more than 5 million documents into the computer system that allows his office — and the more than 1,000 users of the county's court management system — to follow the cases on computer and in cyberspace in addition to the paper documents stored at his office.