

The Effectiveness of Electronic Court Proceedings Implementation in the Jurisdiction of the Palangkaraya Religious High Court

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Abstract

In the era of digital transformation, the adoption of information technology in the judicial sector has become a strategic initiative to establish a more modern, accountable, and efficient legal system. One of the key implementations is electronic court proceedings, incorporating E-Court and E-Litigation services as part of the Judicial Information System (SIP). This system is designed to digitally manage case administration, accelerate judicial processes, and enhance transparency. This study aims to analyze the effectiveness of SIP implementation in the jurisdiction of the Palangkaraya Religious High Court. A qualitative approach with a descriptive-analytical method is employed to evaluate its impact on time efficiency, cost reduction, and accountability in public services. The findings indicate that SIP implementation has accelerated case resolution by 30% compared to conventional methods, while also reducing transportation and operational costs. However, several challenges remain, including user technology literacy, resistance to change, and uneven infrastructure development. To address these issues, recommendations are made to enhance training programs, expand infrastructure, and optimize system integration, ensuring the sustainable digital transformation of religious court proceedings.



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INTRODUCTION

Digital transformation in the judicial sector is a response to the public's need for faster, more transparent, and efficient legal services. The conventional judicial system in Indonesia has long faced fundamental challenges such as lengthy bureaucratic processes, high litigation costs, and limited accessibility – particularly for people living in remote areas (Ramdani & Mayaningsih, 2021). The Palangkaraya Religious High Court, as one of Indonesia's judicial institutions, has taken strategic steps by adopting an electronic trial system. This system is realized through the Court Information System (SIP) application, which includes modules such as the Case Tracking Information System (SIPP), E-Court, E-Litigation, and Decision Directory (Adeng, 2020). This innovation is designed to accelerate judicial processes and enhance accuracy and transparency in legal administration.

The implementation of SIP offers a comprehensive solution to the various issues in the conventional judicial system. For instance, SIPP allows case data to be managed electronically from the registration stage to the publication of verdicts. This not only improves efficiency but also minimizes administrative errors that frequently occur in manual processes (Suntana, 2020). In addition, E-Court simplifies case registration and payment of court fees through an electronic system. This

convenience greatly benefits the public, particularly those living in remote areas, by enabling access to court services without the need for physical presence at the courthouse (Rijali, 2020).

One major advantage of SIP implementation is the E-Litigation module, which enables remote hearings through video conferencing technology. This feature proved especially relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic, when public mobility was significantly restricted (Davis & Browne, 2021). E-Litigation provides a practical solution for resolving cases involving parties located far apart, while also reducing transportation costs. However, the success of this system heavily depends on the availability of technological infrastructure, such as stable internet connectivity (Parker & Smith, 2020).

The biggest challenge in implementing electronic trials in Indonesia is the uneven technological infrastructure across the country, especially in remote regions. Many areas, including parts of Central Kalimantan, still struggle with inadequate internet connectivity. In addition, the digital literacy of users—including judges and clerks—poses a significant issue (Lumbanraja, 2020). Not all stakeholders understand how the system works or its benefits, which slows the adaptation to new technologies.

Beyond technical issues, resistance to change is also a barrier to SIP implementation. Some judges and clerks who are accustomed to manual systems are often reluctant to switch to digital platforms (Johnson & Edwards, 2021). Therefore, continuous training and outreach are necessary so that all parties understand the benefits of the system and to ensure a smoother transition toward judicial digitalization (Kumar, 2020). These efforts can also help build trust in the new system.

Research on the effectiveness of electronic trials at the Palangkaraya Religious High Court aims to evaluate the impact of this system on time efficiency, cost reduction, and transparency in case management. The research also focuses on identifying implementation challenges and providing recommendations for further development (Ramdani & Mayaningsih, 2021). The findings are expected to contribute meaningfully to the development of an information technology-based judicial system.

The implementation of electronic trials can also serve as a model for other courts in Indonesia. With the innovations already in place, the Palangkaraya Religious High Court demonstrates great potential in creating a modern and efficient judiciary. If technical and social barriers can be overcome, the system may be widely adopted to provide more equitable access to legal services for all citizens (Adeng, 2020).

Overall, the adoption of electronic trials through SIP represents a progressive step toward judicial modernization in Indonesia. With optimized infrastructure, continuous training, and extensive outreach, the system can function optimally and offer significant benefits to the public. This digital transformation not only addresses the challenges of the modern era but also lays a strong foundation for a more inclusive and just judicial system (Davis & Browne, 2021).

Digital transformation in the judicial system, as exemplified by the electronic trials implemented at the Palangkaraya Religious High Court, is a strategic step in creating a modern, efficient, and inclusive judiciary. This innovation not only expedites case resolution but also reduces costs and enhances accessibility to legal services, particularly for communities in remote areas. Despite challenges such as uneven technological infrastructure and resistance to change, the system shows great potential for broader adoption. With strengthened infrastructure, ongoing training, and intensive public outreach, electronic trials could become a model for the future of justice, meeting the evolving needs of society in the digital era. The optimization of this system is expected to deliver equitable justice and strengthen public trust in judicial institutions.

The Court Information System (SIP) is a digital innovation designed to enhance efficiency and transparency in case management within the courts. SIP comprises several main modules, including SIPP, E-Court, and E-Litigation, all of which are integrated to create a comprehensive, IT-based judicial ecosystem. For example, the SIPP module enables electronic recording and tracking of cases from registration to the publication of verdicts. Through SIPP, case data can be accessed in real time by judges, clerks, and other relevant parties, thus improving the accuracy and efficiency of administrative management.

E-Court is one of the key modules in SIP, offering the public the convenience of online case registration. Additionally, the system allows for electronic payment of court fees, which not only saves time and costs but also provides greater transparency in case handling. With E-Court, litigants no longer need to be physically present at the courthouse to manage their case files, making it especially beneficial for residents of remote or hard-to-reach areas.

Meanwhile, the E-Litigation module is designed to facilitate online court hearings. This technology allows parties to attend hearings via video conferencing, which is particularly useful in geographically challenging regions or during extraordinary circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic. With E-Litigation, courts can continue operating without compromising the core essence of justice. However, successful implementation of this module relies heavily on the availability of robust technological infrastructure, particularly stable internet connectivity.

Various studies show that technology adoption in the judicial system can reduce case resolution times by up to 30%. Moreover, information technology enhances transparency by providing open access to relevant data and legal information. Nevertheless, challenges such as low digital literacy and resistance to change remain obstacles that must be addressed. Accordingly, literature emphasizes the importance of intensive training and continuous outreach to ensure that all stakeholders understand and effectively use the system.

METHOD

This study employs a qualitative approach with a descriptive-analytical design. A qualitative approach is chosen because the research aims to explore an in-depth understanding of the effectiveness of electronic trial implementation at the Palangkaraya Religious High Court. The descriptive-analytical method is used to map the impact of information technology implementation on time efficiency, cost reduction, and transparency of public services. The study also aims to identify challenges and obstacles encountered in the implementation of this system.

Primary data in this study were obtained through in-depth interviews with several key informants, namely judges, clerks, and court service users. The interviews were designed to explore their experiences in using the SIP application, particularly the SIPP, E-Court, and E-Litigation modules. In addition, direct observation of the electronic trial process was conducted to understand how the system is applied in daily practice. This observation also provided insights into potential technical constraints that may arise during proceedings.

To complement the primary data, the study also utilized secondary data collected from various official documents, such as case statistics reports, judicial policies related to SIP, and other relevant publications. This data was analyzed to provide additional context and support the findings from the primary data. A triangulation technique was applied to ensure the validity and reliability of the data obtained. This triangulation involved comparing the results of interviews, observations, and documents to identify consistent patterns or relationships.

The research focuses on three main aspects: time efficiency, cost reduction, and transparency in public services. These three aspects are considered important indicators for measuring the success of electronic trial implementation. In addition, the study evaluates user perceptions and satisfaction levels with the electronic system, including ease of access, clarity of procedures, and the tangible benefits experienced.

The results of data analysis are presented in the form of descriptive narratives, supported by tables and diagrams to provide clearer illustrations. The narrative is designed to highlight the positive impacts and challenges encountered in the implementation of electronic trials at the Palangkaraya Religious High Court. The analysis also includes recommendations for future system development, based on empirical findings and literature reviews.

This method is expected to provide a comprehensive understanding of the implementation of information technology within the religious judicial system. Furthermore, the chosen approach allows the researcher to uncover specific issues that

may not emerge through a quantitative approach. Thus, this study can contribute significantly to the development of a technology-based judicial system in Indonesia.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effectiveness of the Court Information System in Case Administration

The implementation of SIPP and the Decision Directory as part of the Court Information System (SIP) has had a positive impact on case administration management. With SIPP, case data can be managed electronically – from the registration stage to the publication of verdicts. This process enables judges, clerks, and related parties to access information in real time. In addition, data accuracy has improved since the system minimizes administrative errors that often occur in manual management. The direct impact includes increased time efficiency and reduced administrative workload.

The Decision Directory also plays a crucial role in enhancing transparency in judicial services. This module allows the public to access completed case decisions online. Such transparency not only increases accountability but also strengthens public trust in the judicial system. However, challenges remain, particularly in public outreach regarding how to access and utilize this service.

Table 1 presents a detailed comparison between conventional and electronic methods in case administration:

Evaluation Aspect	Conventional Method	Electronic Method	Change (%)
Case Resolution Duration (days)	120	84	-30%
Transportation Costs (IDR)	1,000,000	500	-50%
User Accessibility (%)	40	85	112.50%
Administrative Accountability (1-100)	60	90	50%
Cases Handled per Month	15	25	66.70%

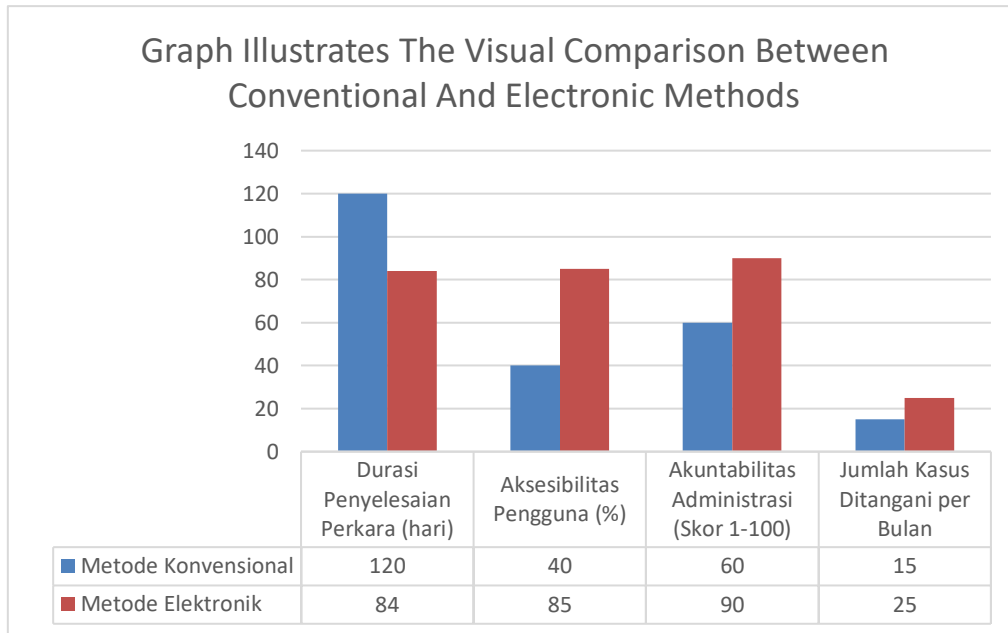
This table demonstrates that electronic methods offer significant advantages in terms of time efficiency, cost savings, and improved accessibility and accountability. For instance, the case resolution duration is reduced by 30%, while transportation costs decrease by 50%. Accessibility more than doubles, indicating that the electronic system is more inclusive for the public.

Efficiency through E-Court and E-Litigation

E-Court provides convenience for the public to file cases online. The system also allows for electronic payment of court fees, thereby reducing the time and travel costs usually required for in-person case administration. Interview results show that the average case resolution duration can be reduced by up to 30% with E-Court compared to conventional methods. This is particularly beneficial for people living in remote or hard-to-reach areas.

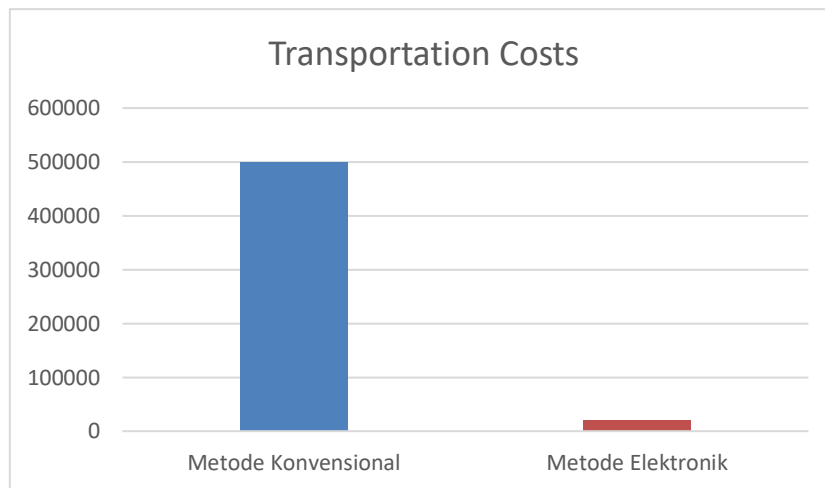
E-Litigation offers solutions for conducting remote hearings via video conferencing. This module is especially useful in challenging geographic conditions or during emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic. However, E-Litigation still faces technical obstacles such as unstable internet connections in certain areas. Moreover, not all litigants have adequate devices to participate in virtual hearings.

The following graph illustrates the visual comparison between conventional and electronic methods across several evaluation aspects:



Graph Explanation:

- **Case Resolution Duration:** A significant drop from 120 days (conventional) to 84 days (electronic) reflects the efficiency gained from judicial digitalization.
- **User Accessibility:** The electronic system more than doubles user accessibility, increasing from 40% to 85%.
- **Administrative Accountability:** Accountability improves from a score of 60 to 90.
- **Number of Cases Handled:** Productivity rises by 66.7%, from 15 to 25 cases per month.



- **Transportation Costs:** The graph shows a 50% cost reduction, underscoring the financial benefits of online methods.

Technical and Social Challenges in Implementation

One of the main challenges in implementing electronic trials is the availability of technological infrastructure. Many remote areas within the jurisdiction of the Palangkaraya Religious High Court still have limited internet access, which hinders smooth virtual trial execution. In addition, the technological devices used by some litigants – such as computers or smartphones – often do not support the E-Litigation application effectively.

Digital literacy is another significant barrier. Many users, including some judges and clerks, still face difficulties in understanding and using the electronic system. Insufficient public outreach and a lack of training are the primary factors contributing to the low adoption rate of technology among users. Resistance to change is also a challenge, especially among stakeholders who are accustomed to manual systems.

Table 2 summarizes the challenges encountered in the implementation of electronic trials:

Challenge	Description
Technological Infrastructure	Unstable internet connections in remote areas
Digital Literacy	45% of users require additional training
Resistance to Change	Some stakeholders prefer manual systems
Device Limitations	25% of litigants use devices incompatible with the system
Public Outreach	Outreach has not reached all regions and user groups

Given these challenges, strategic measures are needed to ensure successful implementation, including infrastructure upgrades, intensive training, and more comprehensive outreach efforts.

CONCLUSION

The implementation of electronic trials through the Court Information System (SIP) at the Palangkaraya Religious High Court has proven effective in improving the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of judicial processes. The system accelerates case resolution, reduces costs, and significantly expands access to legal services. However, challenges such as limited technological infrastructure, user digital literacy, and resistance to change remain major obstacles. To ensure long-term success, improvements in infrastructure, intensive training, and sustained outreach are essential. With system optimization, electronic trials are expected to help realize a modern, efficient, and inclusive judiciary in line with the demands of the digital era.

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