

5 things

to know about

Data Governance

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DEFINING DATA GOVERNANCE Data governance is a framework encompassing the people, policies, processes, and technology that ensure high quality data, data management, and data security throughout an organization. It facilitates effective communication of insights derived from data, while also establishing a foundation to challenge inaccurate narratives or inappropriate use of court data that can occur from ambiguity and incorrect assumptions.

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THE DATA LIFE CYCLE Data governance covers the entire data lifecycle, from deciding what data to collect through data creation and acquisition to archival and deletion. It establishes processes for data retention, archival, and disposal, which helps organizations avoid accumulating unnecessary data and manage storage costs effectively.

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DATA OWNERSHIP Roles and responsibilities regarding data must be clearly defined. Data governance establishes data owners or stewards who are responsible for maintaining the quality, accuracy, and accessibility of specific data sets. Designating data stewards ensures that data are managed properly and used responsibly and should be a formal part of the individual's job description.

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DATA QUALITY One of the primary goals of data governance is to maintain data quality and consistency. This involves establishing data standards, data definitions, and data validation rules to ensure that data are accurate, complete, and reliable. Poor data quality limits the useability of data and has significant impacts on decision-making and operations. Identifying and correcting data quality issues throughout the data life cycle must be a continuous process of learning and improvement by the court.

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DATA SECURITY Data governance encompasses safeguarding data from unauthorized access, breaches, and loss, as well as establishing incident management policies. A proactive approach to data security involves a well-designed data distribution model to ensure that the right data are readily available to meet the needs of authorized users while preventing access by unauthorized individuals. A strong data governance framework helps mitigate the impact of breaches and unauthorized access by enabling a swift and decisive response from the court.



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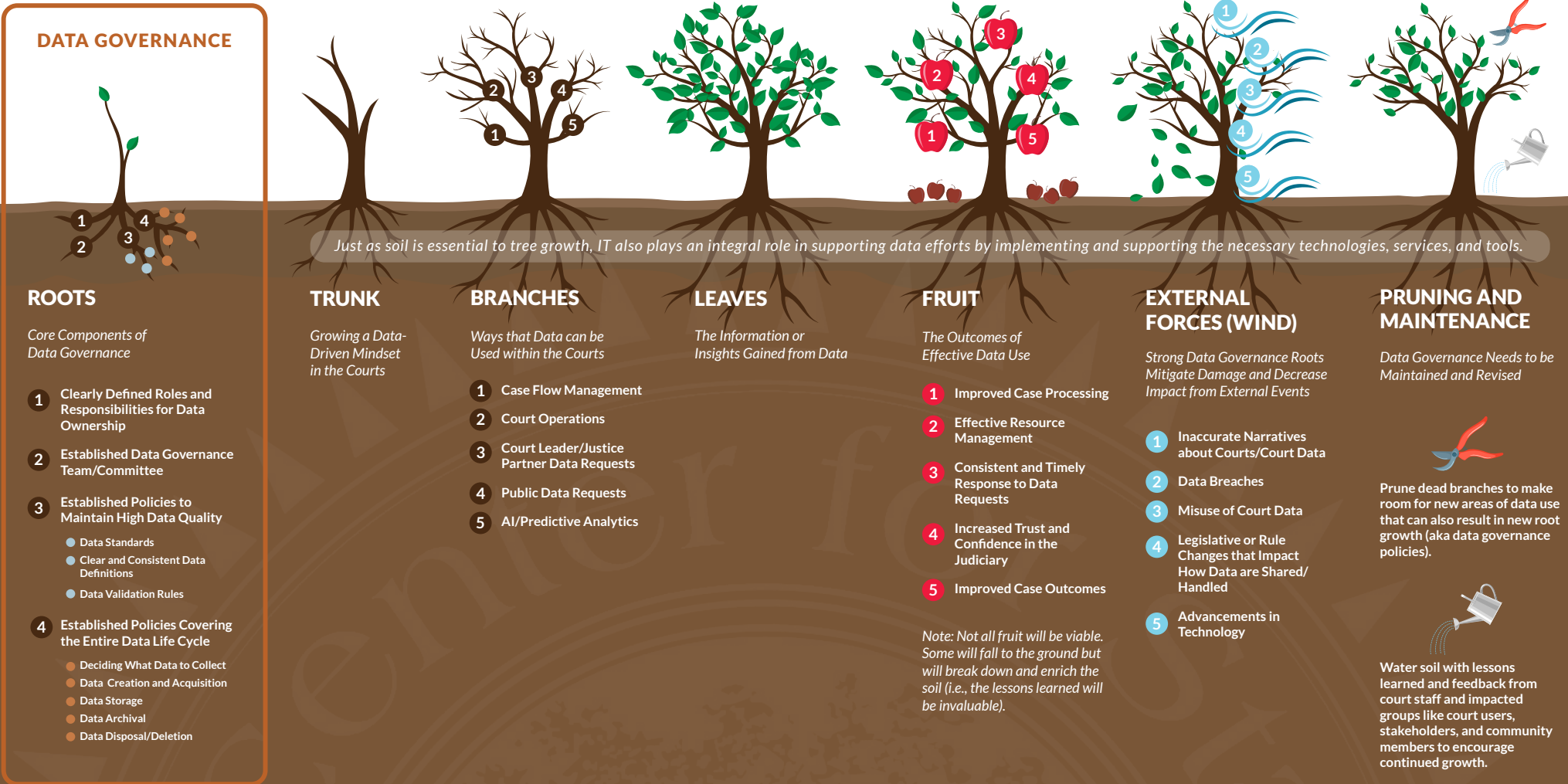
- Data Governance Policy Guide
- National Open Data Standards
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