**1. Design Overview**

The design of the KCSS CMS should reflect professionalism and usability. We will ensure that the platform is intuitive, responsive, and accessible across all devices, with clear navigation and aesthetically pleasing elements.

**2. Wireframe Layout**

**Homepage Design (Dashboard)**

* **Header**: Logo of KCSS on the left, a search bar in the middle, and user profile information (e.g., name and logout button) on the right.
* **Sidebar (Left)**: Vertical navigation panel with quick access to:
  + Dashboard (Home)
  + Client Management
  + Case Management
  + Reporting
  + Admin Settings
  + User Roles & Permissions
  + Logout
* **Main Section**:
  + **Top Section**: Overview with key metrics such as:
    - Total clients
    - Total open cases
    - Closed cases
    - Pending tasks
  + **Graph/Chart Section**: Visual representation of case statuses, active cases, or client data.
  + **Recent Cases**: A table showing recently opened or updated cases, clickable to access more details.

**Client Management Module**

* **Header**: Title "Client Management" with a search and filter bar.
* **Add New Client Button**: Positioned on the top right.
* **Client List**: A table listing all clients with columns like:
  + Name
  + Contact Information
  + Case Count
  + Status (Active/Inactive)
  + Edit/Delete icons for each client.

**Case Management Module**

* **Header**: Title "Case Management" with filters for case status (Open, Closed, Pending).
* **Add New Case Button**: Positioned on the top right.
* **Case List**: A table showing:
  + Case ID
  + Client Name
  + Assigned Staff
  + Status (Open, Pending, Closed)
  + Last Updated
  + Edit/View icons for each case.

**Reporting Module**

* **Header**: Title "Reporting"
* **Graph and Chart Widgets**: A customizable dashboard showing case breakdowns, staff performance, and client statistics. Widgets can be dragged and resized.
* **Export Button**: Export reports as PDF/Excel.

**3. Design Aesthetic**

* **Color Scheme**: A professional color palette, using blue and white as primary colors for trust and reliability. Accent colors (such as green for "Success" or red for "Error") will enhance user experience by giving visual feedback.
* **Typography**: Use clean, sans-serif fonts like **Roboto** or **Open Sans** for readability across all devices.
* **Spacing**: Ample spacing between elements for a clean, uncluttered interface. Margins and padding will ensure the system feels modern and easy to navigate.

**4. UI Elements**

* **Navigation Menus**: Use icons and labels on the sidebar to enhance usability. Provide hover effects to show active states and make navigation more intuitive.
* **Buttons and Forms**:
  + Buttons should be color-coded for their functionality (e.g., blue for "Add," red for "Delete").
  + Input fields should be simple, with labels on top and validation messages (e.g., required fields, email format checks).
  + Use **modals** for actions like adding new clients/cases.
* **Tables**: Tables will have sortable columns and pagination to manage large datasets efficiently. For example, clients or cases can be sorted by name, date added, etc.

**5. Mobile/Tablet Responsiveness**

* On mobile devices, the sidebar can collapse into a hamburger menu.
* Tables will turn into cards to make information accessible without horizontal scrolling.
* Key metrics and graphs should resize dynamically for readability on smaller screens.

**6. Security Features in Design**

* **Login Page**: Use a simple login form with KCSS branding. Include multi-factor authentication if needed.
* **User Management Pages**: Clear labels indicating roles (Admin, Staff, etc.). Provide drop-downs for assigning roles, and toggle switches for activating or deactivating user accounts.

**7. Prototype Tools for the Design**

You can use **Figma**, **Adobe XD**, or **Sketch** to create and refine the visual design for the KCSS CMS.