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Recognized eFiler of the Month

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"eFiling is so convenient, it's practically paperless. I can file documents from my desk and serve copies to all parties without the hassle of making copies, preparing certified mail or faxing, and all without having to meet the mail run deadline. With our demanding work schedules and constant deadlines to meet, eFiling is the only way to go."

TexasOnline Launches New Look

The official website of the State of Texas, www.TexasOnline.com, has been updated to incorporate a new look, features, and functions to improve ease of use.

In addition to enhanced navigation, layout and design features, the site now offers:

- New user-centric services for citizens, businesses, veterans, parents, and seniors
- Localized and dynamic updates, such as RSS feeds for news, weather, and traffic
- Expanded multimedia content
- Improved personalization capabilities
- Expanded multi-lingual accessibility

On the updated home page, the **eFiling for Courts** link - "*eFile Court Documents*" - is located in Helpful Links under the City Guides section. This link will take you to a page that contains helpful information including:

- An overview and benefits of eFiling for Courts
- Participating Jurisdictions
- Links to all the Service Providers
- a list of Frequently Asked Questions, and more.

You may also still go directly to the eFiling site via www.texasonline.com/eFiling. This is a great place to refer others who are interested in learning more about eFiling and how to get started.

New eFiling Jurisdictions

eFiling is Available in the JP Courts of Bell County!

Bell County Precinct 2 and Precinct 4, Place 2 began processing civil case filings for the JP Courts on June 1, 2008.

Please visit Bell County [Precinct 2](#) or [Precinct 4, Place 2](#) for more information.

eFiling Anecdotes

How fast is eFiling?

- A Houston paralegal eFiled 40 separate transactions in two hours, an average of three minutes per filing
- A Houston paralegal received a file-stamped copy less than 30 seconds after eFiling a Notice to the Cameron County District Clerk's office.
- In selected counties, eFiled documents are available to the judge on the court's document management system less than 30 minutes after leaving the filer's computer.

Did You Know?

You can allow Clerks to modify fees on your eFiling

If you accidentally submit your eFiling with the wrong fees selected, this does not mean that it will be rejected.

By editing your User Profile and selecting the option to allow clerks to modify your filings, you can avoid having to resubmit filings that contain fee errors.

Clerks will then be able to edit your fees to the correct amount.

Filer FAQs

Courtesy of:
CaseFileXpress

Question

How do I file a proposed order?

Answer

When filing a proposed order, always attach a pleading or cover letter as the lead document and the order as an attachment. A proposed order should not be attached as the lead document because a timestamp cannot be applied without the judge's signature.

Question

Do I need to file discovery with the clerk?

Answer

Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 191.4 lists discovery materials that must be filed, those that must not be filed, and exceptions. TexasOnline eFiling for Courts can be used to exchange discovery materials with opposing counsel whether or not those materials are filed with the clerk.

Filer Tips

Be mindful of special characters when naming a document

- When attaching a document to an eFiling or eService always ensure the file name of the document does not contain any special characters other than periods and commas (Example: *, #, \$, @, etc.).
- Using special characters may increase the likelihood that the filing will be rejected.

Avoid rejection - do not submit multiple documents that need a file stamp

- Submitting multiple documents that require a file stamp in the same eFiling will result in rejection. You may attach as many supporting documents (i.e. exhibits) as you like, but there can only be one pleading or motion per eFiling.

Upcoming eFiling Events and CLEs

Capital Area Paralegal Association Vendor Luncheon

Exhibitor/Sponsor: June 25, Austin

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Exhibitor: June 26-27, Houston

Tech Law San Antonio

Presenter: July 25, San Antonio - St. Mary's University School of Law

CLE: 8.25 hours; Ethics: 1.0 hours

For more information or to register, visit www.techlawsa.com

Texas Justice Court Judges Association Education Conference

Presenter: July 25, Arlington - Sheraton Arlington Hotel

For more information, visit www.tjcja.com/news/annual.con3.pdf

If you would like to request an eFiling for Courts accredited CLE presentation and/or demonstration for your Bar or Paralegal association, please contact Erika Whitt at erika.whitt@bearingpoint.com.

Participating Jurisdictions

Location	District	County	Probate	Justice	County Seat	Website
Austin	X				Bellville	www.austincounty.com
Bee	X				Beeville	www.co.bee.tx.us
Bell	X			NEW!	Belton	www.bellcountytexas.com
Bexar	X				San Antonio	www.co.bexar.tx.us
Brazoria	X	X			Angleton	www.brazoria-county.com/
Brazos	X	X			Bryan	www.co.brazos.tx.us
Burnet	X	X			Burnet	www.burnetcountytexas.org
Cameron	X	X			Brownsville	www.co.cameron.tx.us
Cass	X	X			Linden	www.co.cass.tx.us
Collin	X	X			McKinney	www.co.collin.tx.us
Dallas	X	X	X		Dallas	www.dallascounty.org
Denton	X	X	X		Denton	www.dentoncounty.com
El Paso	X	X	X		El Paso	www.co.el-paso.tx.us
Fayette	X				LaGrange	www.co.fayette.tx.us
Fort Bend	X	X			Richmond	www.co.fort-bend.tx.us
Goliad	X	X			Goliad	www.co.goliad.tx.us
Guadalupe	X				Seguin	www.co.guadalupe.tx.us
Harris	X				Houston	www.co.harris.tx.us

Harris	X			Houston	www.co.harris.tx.us
Hidalgo	X	X		Edinburg	www.co.hidalgo.tx.us
Johnson	X			Cleburne	www.johnsoncountytx.org
Lubbock	X	X		Lubbock	www.co.lubbock.tx.us
McLennan	X			Waco	www.co.mclennan.tx.us
Midland	X	X		Midland	www.co.midland.tx.us
Moore	X	X		Dumas	www.co.moore.tx.us
Nueces	X	X		Corpus Christi	www.co.nueces.tx.us
Potter	X			Amarillo	www.co.potter.tx.us
Randall	X	X		Canyon	www.randallcounty.org
Schleicher	X			Eldorado	www.co.schleicher.tx.us
Tarrant		X	X	Fort Worth	www.tarrantcounty.com
Tom Green	X			San Angelo	www.co.tom-green.tx.us
Travis	X			Austin	www.co.travis.tx.us
Upton	X			Rankin	www.co.upton.tx.us
Victoria	X	X		Victoria	www.victoriacountytx.org
Waller	X	X		Hempstead	www.wallercotx.com
Webb	X	X		Laredo	www.webbcountytx.gov

Feedback

We would love to hear from you! Contact us with comments, questions, or suggestions on what we can do to make our eFiling service work better for you.

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